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Buy or move out, key workers told

Tenants' despair at housing association 'streamlining'

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

LOW-PAID key workers are among 148 tenants being told by a local housing association to buy their homes or find somewhere else to live.

Residents of East Thames Group have spoken of their despair after receiving a letter telling them to purchase their properties or find alternative accommodation within two months.

The social housing landlord contacted the residents, many of whom are teachers or key workers, informing them of its decision to 'streamline its stock'.

Households on 'intermediate market rent' and 'rent now, buy later' contracts were given two days in which to express an interest in purchasing between a 25 and 70 per cent share of their homes through shared ownership – or move out.

Clare Smith, a 60-year-old teacher who has lived in her two-bedroom flat in Limehouse for more than nine years, said the letter, dated October 12, had come out of the blue.

"When East Thames wanted to attract key workers to the borough, they offered accommodation on slightly lower rents," Ms Smith told East End Life.

The teacher insists that her contract does not stipulate that she should save towards a deposit in order purchase her property.

"It says the intermediate rent scheme is designed to assist those who are unable to afford the cost of renting outright on the open market," she said.

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Victoria Park has been voted the nation's favourite for the second year running. See page 3 for the full story.

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GERRY MCDONALD, PRINCIPAL, TOWER HAMLETS COLLEGE

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Awards celebrate THC's champions

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

TOP students from Tower Hamlets College took centre stage at the college's annual achievement awards.

Film and TV star Colin Salmon presented the awards alongside college principal Gerry McDonald.

Colin, who flew in from New York especially for the event, described the students as "champions".

Now in their sixth year, the awards are the highlight of the college calendar and an opportunity for family, friends and teachers to celebrate students' individual achievements across the institution's extensive curriculum.

There were a total of 31 awards on the night, which was held at the Hilton Hotel in Canary Wharf on Tuesday, October 6.

Rohash Shexo, 41, from Stepney Green, won the award for creative arts student of the year. Rohash came to the college after enduring physical and emotional hardships at a refugee camp in Kurdistan.

Her final project reflected on the horror of war around a refugee camp on the border of Syria, showing the grief, sorrow and despair of the survivors.

Mohammed Masud Miah, 19, from Bow, won the principal's award for outstanding academic achievement. He achieved A*, A and A in his A-levels and is now studying law at Queen Mary University.

Lucy Jane Miles, 37, from Bow, won the access student of the year award.

Colin Salmon (left) presents an award to Salman Hussain

Tutors praised the mum of three for her commitment, dedication and determination, as well as her own personal growth and development. This helped her achieve her course units and work towards securing a place at university to study midwifery.

Salman Hussain, 17, from Whitechapel, won the award for early years student of the year. Salman overcame severe personal problems, missing years 10 and 11 at school, to eventually come to college.

Despite being visually impaired, and the only male in his class, Salman flourished, becoming class rep and being part of a team interviewed during an internal quality review. He has also used his initiative in securing a placement at a local school where he volunteers.

The awards attracted sponsors including Canary Wharf Group and Clifford Chance as well as Mitie and Konica Minolta. Guests were entertained by the UK Gospel Choir.

From top: Rohash Shexo, Mohammed Masud Miah and Lucy Jane Miles

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Change is in the air

East End Life, the council's weekly publication, will be moving to fortnightly at the end of this year and a full review of the council's communication with residents is being commissioned.

East End Life – your say

Write to Communications, Tower Hamlets Council, 6th floor, Mulberry Place, E14 2BG, call 7364 0811 or email...

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News

Victoria is the queen of parks

BY SAM GOUGH

VICTORIA Park has been crowned the queen of all parks in the country, for the second year running.

It received the largest number of votes in the People's Choice Award on Wednesday, October 21, organised by Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Plus partnership.

"Victoria Park is a truly worthy winner of the 2015 People's Choice awards," said Paul Todd, the group's Green Flag award manger.

"Congratulations to the staff and volunteers who go the extra mile to maintain the park's high standards and make it such a wonderful place for people to visit."

Mayor of Tower Hamlets John Biggs said: "What an achievement! We're so proud of this incredible park.

"Our staff lovingly look after it and make it such a stunning part of the borough, and this award really should be seen as a huge round of applause to them.

"With the fireworks coming back to the park on November 7, I encourage everyone to go down and enjoy the People's Park."

Last year, more than nine million people in total visited Victoria Park enjoying festivals, community events, restored historic monuments and the café.

On Thursday, October 29, Mayor Biggs and members of Tower Hamlets' cabinet will be celebrating the award with an official presentation in The Hub Building, where members of the community can join in with a family fun day organised by park staff.

The council is urging people to tell them their happiest memories of Victoria Park.

Did you meet the love of your life there? Perhaps you saw an amazing band at one of the many festivals? Did you learn a new hobby, see a gorgeous sunset or take a brilliant picture of it?

Small or big, the council wants to hear from you.

Send your stories on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using **#welovevickyp**

GUESTS at St Peter's Church marked the first anniversary of an employment skills training scheme for young people. Gilly Yarrow, Lady Mayoress of the City of London, and Billy Dove OBE, chief Commoner of the City of London, visited the Bethnal Green church on Wednesday, October 14. The Spear scheme is a six-week employment skills programme for young adults, aged 16-24, who are not in education, training or work. Visitors also viewed the church crypt which St Peter's is raising funds to redevelop into a community resource and heritage centre. To donate call 7033 0244 or visit www.stpeters bethnalgreen.org Gilly Yarrow, Lady Mayoress of the City of London, is pictured entering the church with Rev Adam Atkinson.

'At my age, I would not be able to get a mortgage'

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"At my age, I would not be able to get a mortgage. If I did, the repayments would be astronomical.

"East Thames' decision has huge implications for key workers. I thought my home was for life. I am traumatised. This is immoral and not what I expect of a social housing landlord."

The teacher attended a meeting organised by Abbots & Vickery's Wharf Residents Association to discuss the decision. There she met scores of others who had received the same letter.

Ms Smith has formed a pressure group that aims to meet the chief executive of East Thames to put their case to him.

Another resident, a disabled teacher, has lived in his flat in Stepney Green for more than seven years. He told East End Life that he is "extremely distressed" about the letter.

"We have been model tenants, paying the rent diligently despite regular increases and looked after the property immaculately," he said.

"We have been told suddenly our only option is to buy the flat at full price via shared ownership and, if we cannot afford it, we will lose our home. This will in turn mean I cannot continue with my job as my key worker flat was the only thing making it possible for me to afford to stay here."

He said two months was not enough time to sort out finances and apply for a mortgage.

A spokeswoman for East Thames said the landlord understands that the decision may have come as a shock to some tenants and apologises for any distress caused.

"Over the coming days we will be looking at tenants' individual circumstances and, where necessary, provide them with more time to find alternative accommodation," she said.

"We are also providing residents with one-to-one advice and support, as well as details of alternative intermediate market rent schemes and other housing options."

The spokeswoman said a third of those written to have expressed an interest in buying their properties.

Mayor of Tower Hamlets John Biggs said: "This is an unfortunate decision which creates uncertainty in the lives of people affected.

"The council has asked East Thames to review their decision, or at the very least offer an extended period of time and more options for residents. I hope that this request will be considered and we will be exploring what else the council can do to help those affected."

To contact Stop Streamling |Affordable Housing, visit them on Twitter or Facebook.

Tenants can contact East Thames by calling 0300 303 7333.

News in brief

Magic of history

LOCAL history, conversation and memories shared between more than 100 people of all ages, will form part of a performance taking place this weekend.

Community arts organisation, Magic Me co-ordinated the Rooms With A View project, which involved older women and students from Mulberry School.

Performances will be at 3pm from October 30-November 1 at the Centre, at 32 Merchant Street, Bow. The show is suitable for ages eight and over.

Tickets are available from **www.magicme.co.uk**

Homeless health

HOMELESS people will be offered free health and dental checks, haircuts and condoms at a health and wellbeing day on Thursday, October 29.

Local charity Spitalfields Crypt Trust, which is hosting the event, will also be giving away coats, jumpers, socks and hats.

It will be held at St Leonard's Church, Shoreditch High Street, E1, from 10am-2pm.

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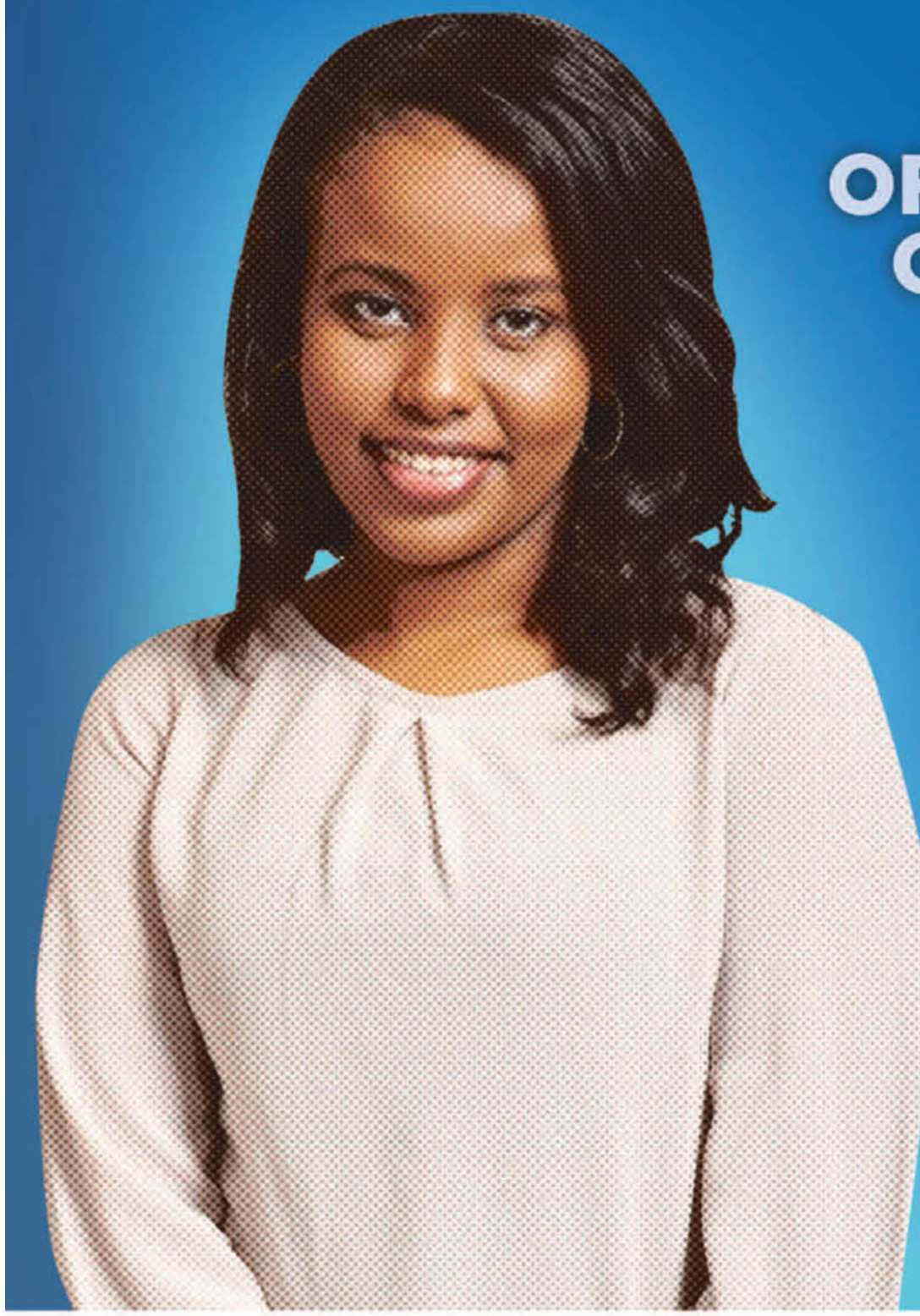

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Try your hand out down on the farm

Stepney City Farm is a working farm which provides opportunities for children and adults to meet animals, grow food and try out arts and crafts. It also has a popular café.

STEPNEYCITYFARM.ORG

Poetry in Wood

The Poetry in Wood project supports employment for people with learning disabilities.

WWW.POETRYINWOOD.ORG.UK

News

STEPNEY City Farm will welcome the delivery of an ecopod classroom (pictured) on Saturday, October 31. Bought with funds from the Ocean Estate develoment and the council's sustainable development team, the building will serve a variety of purposes including providing school lessons and private functions.
The farm will host courses and training in sustainable living, animal care, horticulture and the environment for visitors including schoolchildren, and community groups.
The launch day from 10am-3pm will also feature a farmers' market, Halloween crafts such as pumpkin carving and a stall run by the Tower Hamlets Energy Community Power team.

News in brief

Half-term helpers

HAVE you got a half-term helping hand?

Do you have a few hours to spare helping to spruce up a children's playgroup in Bow?

Why not lend a hand or brush joining staff and parents from Vernon's Playgroup with a number of painting, planting and DIY jobs to give a centre a new lease of life?

The makeover of the building on Vernon Road is Bow Tesco Metro's first community project and is supported by volunteers from the store's staff.

Jobs up for grabs include painting fences, loos and changing areas, planting up the garden and helping to build new a children's pirate ship.

If you can volunteer call Samira Johnson, Tesco's community champion on 07834 122 859 or email **samira.johnson@uk.tesco.com**

The team will also be giving live makeover Twitter updates on **@TescoBowMetro**

Print workshops

LEARNING disability charity Poetry in Wood is inviting residents of all ages to take part in free print workshops running on October 27, 28 and 29.

The events will run from 11am-12.30pm and 1.30-3pm at the Montefiore Centre, Hanbury Street, Whitechapel.

Sessions should be booked in advance at **www.poetryinwood.org.uk** or on 7375 3933

Poetry in Wood is also holding a Black History exhibition in the reception of the centre until the end of November.

Titled Better for Knowing You, the exhibition is a celebration of living in multicultural Tower Hamlets.

Schools celebrate improvement in GCSE results

BY SAM GOUGH

TOWER Hamlets schools were celebrating this week after figures showed the borough has the fifth most improved GCSE results in the country.

Provisional data released by the Department for Education shows the percentage of young people achieving five A* to C grades in their GCSEs increased from 59.7 per cent in 2014 to 63.4 per cent in 2015.

The results are very different to the national picture – which saw an overall decrease in the number of young people achieving five A* to C grades from 53.4 to 52.8 per cent.

Particular improvements in the borough include:

- Bishop Challoner Boys – which saw the single biggest improvement, with a 21.6 per cent increase;
- Langdon Park also saw a 15.6 per cent increase;
- Swanlea School improved by 14.8 per cent.

Mayor of Tower Hamlets John Biggs said: "Education in Tower Hamlets is constantly equipping young people in our borough with the skills they need to succeed in their future careers.

"We need to recognise the achievements of these schools. Without the hard work and determination of teachers and school staff, this improvement would not have been possible. Congratulations to them!"

Schools working with the council carried out a detailed analysis of the previous year's results to look for lessons to be learnt.

The council actively suported schools with experienced officers and by brokering partnerships between schools.

And schools in the borough have very well established intervention programmes for GCSE students, tailored to individual pupils' needs.

Some schools – such as Langdon Park – implemented after-school revision sessions in key subjects such as maths and English.

Cllr Rachael Saunders, cabinet member for children and education, said: "These results demonstrate that the excellent work of teachers, parents and children is really paying off. I am glad to be able to celebrate this success."

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Contact Cllr Golds

East End Life will be printing a column from the council's opposition leaders. To contact Cllr Peter Golds, email:

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Fighting prejudice on all fronts

"We want to tackle anti-LGBT prejudice in the Muslim community and anti-Muslim prejudice in the LGBT community. Our goal is unity and solidarity to oppose all hate."

PETER TATCHELL, BELOW

A CAMPAIGN to engage with Muslim communities about LGBT issues was launched on Wednesday, October 21. The Peter Tatchell Foundation had a stall outside Whitechapel Tube station, where volunteers chatted with passers-by. "Our initiative has been prompted by requests from LGBT Muslims who have suffered abuse and harassment, often from fellow Muslims," said foundation director Peter Tatchell, pictured above with campaigners on the stall. He added: "They've asked us to come to challenge homophobic prejudice. The aim of this campaign is to bring the Muslim and LGBT communities together, to oppose the prejudice, discrimination and hate crime both communities experience."

Half term full of fun at borough youth centres

BY MICHAEL DIOP

NOW is a great time for young people in Tower Hamlets to visit their local youth centre and find out about events, activities and support on offer across the borough.

This week is half term and there is a full range of fun events to keep boredom at bay.

This is followed by Youth Work Week, from November 2-8, a national campaign to highlight the services and opportunities councils and others provide for young people.

This year's programme includes extra sports activities, opportunities to make films and music, arts, crafts, fashion, design, cookery, as well as targeted personal advice and support sessions.

There will also be special prizes handed out to young people who have achieved success in their Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme and arts awards.

This year's theme is Have Your Voice Heard. The campaign aims to highlight the role youth work makes in supporting young people to have their say, express their views and making a contribution to decision making.

Encouraging young people to play an active role in local decisions is reflected in the programme.

This includes a community meeting where young people from the Collingwood Estate will join local tenants groups, police, council staff and other residents to address local issues of concern and strengthen community engagement.

The Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets, her deputy and local youth council are also involved in events taking place throughout the week.

Mayor John Biggs said: "Our youth centres provide excellent services and exist as key parts of their local communities.

"There's so much on offer that, wherever your interests lie, I know there's a regular activity or group for you to join and enjoy."

Young Mayor Deng Yan San said: "I'm really looking forward to holding a discussion session at Kitcat Terrace during Youth Work Week.

"Since becoming Young Mayor, I've been amazed and inspired by the passion that young people in Tower Hamlets have, and how they really do make sure their ideas and voices are heard."

To find out more about what's going on for young people in the borough visit **www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/youth**

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Poppy Appeal needs you

News from council opposition leaders

STARTING this week, tens of thousands of volunteers across the nation will be collecting for the annual Poppy Appeal.

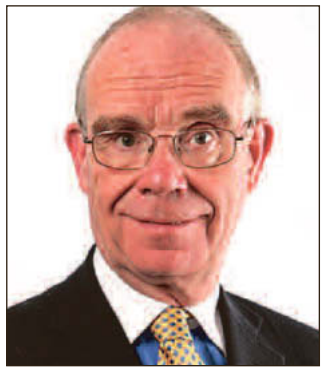
The first official British Legion Poppy Day was held in Britain on November 11, 1921, inspired by the poem In Flanders' Fields.

It was written in 1915 by a Canadian, John McCrae who died in May 1918, six months before the end of the war.

The tradition of wearing a poppy was the inspiration of an American lady, Miss Michael, who was presented with a small gift of money by some of the overseas war secretaries of the YMCA, for whom she worked.

She told them about the poem, and announced that she was going to buy 25 red poppies with the money. She wore one herself, and the others quickly sold.

It is believed that this was the



first group selling of poppies. Since then, the Poppy Appeal has been a key annual event in the nation's calendar.

The 1921 appeal raised £106,000, about £4.2 million in current valuation. Last year the total raised was £45 million.

Every collector that I know is always moved by the support that is shown to our nation's armed forces from all communities and ages.

Enormous thanks are due to my colleague, Cllr Craig Aston, who stepped in to co-ordinate the Tower Hamlets appeal when age took its toll on the small band who had previously worked for years in organising the poppies and circulating and collecting in the donation tins.

In 2014 the amount collected by Tower Hamlets councillors and Jim Fiztpatrick MP exceeded £19,000. Borough-wide £120,000 was raised, with much coming from the effort on Armed Forces Day, when service people, past and present, join in the collection.

Here is the first verse of McCrae's now famous poem:

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

If any reader would like to join in collecting, call members services on 7364 4747 and Craig will be around with a tin and tray!

By Cllr Peter Golds, leader, Tower Hamlets Council Conservative group

Taking an active interest in nutrition

Mytime Active offers a range of free healthy lives services including nutritional advice and fun exercise games and activities. Sessions are delivered in children's centres and schools.

WWW.MYTIMEACTIVE.CO.UK//TOWER-HAMLETS

Council shows its hand

Council consultation on its gambling policy runs from Monday, October 19 until Sunday, January 17, 2016.

SEE BELOW

A healthier outlook

BY ALISON LANGLEY

CHILDREN, young people and families can now take part in a new free service that helps them become fitter, healthier and happier.

The council has commissioned Mytime Active, a social enterprise that specialises in preventive health services, to run its successful child and family weight management programme MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do it!).

Mytime Active provides the free, fun and interactive programme to develop participants' skills and understanding around nutrition, physical activity and living a healthy life.

The programme was unveiled at a showcase event at Tower Hamlets Professional Development Centre in Bethnal Green on October 12.

Attending were staff from schools, children's centres, youth services and GP surgeries who will work together to make referrals and help deliver the scheme.

It has already been operating in the borough on a small scale and is now extending services to a wide range of venues after school and at weekends.

Mytime Active's Ellie Chapman and Megan Baird told the health and education staff how it's performed so far.

MEND set out their stall with a range of healthy eating options

"Participants have increased their physical activity on average by 40 minutes per week and the time they spend sitting around has dropped by 150 minutes a week," said Ms Chapman.

"And fruit and veg consumption has increased by seven portions a week" explained Ms Baird.

The audience were given a taster of the MEND programmes by delivering nutrition and exercise workshops for front-line staff to get involved.

MEND is tailored to suit young people from 0-18 and their parents and carers, as well as helping new mums to give their children a healthy start in life.

For example, the 7-13 year-old group take part in activities linked to nutrition, physical activity or behaviour change including learning to read food labels and an interactive supermarket tour.

One young person who took part explained how he now prefers grilled chicken to fried and his dad said, when shopping, he knows how to understand labels and make better choices.

Ms Chapman said: "We want any family who would like to lead a healthier life or receive support for children who are, or are at risk of being above a healthy weight, to get in touch.

"We are here for free, fun and friendly support."

For more details, call 8323 1725, email **info@mytimeactive.co.uk** or visit **www.mytimeactive.co.uk/tower-hamlets**

New deal is sought over gambling policy

THE council is seeking views from the public as it looks to review its gambling policy.

Following the Gambling Act 2005, local authorities in England and Wales have been required to review their gambling policy following consultation.

The current policy has been in place since 2013 and runs until 2016. It needs to be reviewed every three years.

The consultation period runs until Sunday, January 17, 2016.

There are three licensing objectives set out in the Gambling Act that the council must incorporate into any strategy. These are:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime;
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way;
- Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The authority is obliged to protect vulnerable people, and the licensing policy is devoted to achieving this, across a range of premises licences and permits which the authority will administer.

To make any comments visit **www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/business/licences/gambling_policy.aspx**

News in brief

Half-term fun for kids and families

THREE of the borough's leisure venues have come together to offer activities for children and families during this half-term week.

And visitors who collect a stamp at all three locations – Idea Store Whitechapel, Whitechapel Gallery, and Wilton's Music Hall – will have a chance to win a prize.

Activities include a free drop in Halloween trail and drawing activities at Wilton's from Wednesday, October 28, until Saturday, October 31, between 1pm-3pm. Call 7702 2789 or visit **wiltons.org.uk** for further information.

Whitechapel Gallery will host a family day on October 31 from 12noon-4pm.

Artist Ania Bass will delve into family histories and the origin of words through performance, writing and sound. Visitors can also explore the gallery with a free activity trail available at the information desk. Booking is advised. Call 7522 7888 or visit **www.whitechapel.org**

Business advice

A MEETING Of the Tower Hamlets training employment and enterprise forum is taking place on Wednesday, October 28 from 10am-12noon.

Guest speaker Laurie Wiseman, chief executive of the London Small Business Centre, will talk about accessing loan finance and how to be 'loan ready'. Support and advice services will be available on the day.

The meeting will take place at the Stifford Centre, 2-6 Cressy Place, Stepney Green.

For details email **gregory@co-operation.coop**

Local Housing Allowance Rates

April 2015

Type of Accommodation	Local Housing Allowance
* Shared Accommodation	£102.09 per week
1 Bedroom	£257.35 per week
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4 Bedroom & above	£417.02 per week

*The shared accommodation rate will be used for single people under 35 years of age and single tenants/couples who only have exclusive use of one room and shares other facilities.

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Digging up the past

Join members of the Cemetery Club to learn all about our buried residents, including some notable and notorious characters. So, you have no excuse. Pull on your wellies for a woodland wander.

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Useful information

Autumn arrives in riot of colour

News from the Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

AS the nights draw in, temperatures cool, and the clocks go back, allowing us to enjoy that extra hour in bed, you could just find yourself wanting to hibernate like many of our animals.

I say: don't let the loss of summer get you down. Come down to Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park and enjoy a burst of colour, as our woodland shows signs of a new season.

Living in a busy city, time can feel linear, as we move through the year, never taking time to enjoy each of our seasons, and their own special characteristics.

Our trees stop making their green pigment, chlorophyll, and start to go dormant for winter to come.

Leaves go from green to either yellow, gold, red, orange or brown. It is spectacular – our very own natural, firework show.

It's a time of change, of migration, arrival and frantic activity all round.

Some animals leave for the winter, while others prepare themselves for the cold weather to come.

Stunning fungal sculptures emerge and it's is the best time of year to get outdoors.

There's nothing better than wrapping up warm and heading out to see the leaves changing colour.

Mist hangs over fields and parks in the morning, there are often spectacular sunsets and the stars seem brighter at night.

Perhaps play a game of conkers or visit The Woodland Trust's Nature Detectives – **www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives**

You'll find lots of exciting ideas to tempt kids – and grown-ups – from spotter sheets to scavenger hunt.

Celebrate the season at one of our events

ON Tuesday, October 27 from 10.30am-12.30pm you can get up close and personal with some **Creepy Creatures**.

Explore the park, and look for the insects and other small animals that call it home. Make your very own sticky snakes and beastly bats to take home.

On Thursday, October 29, from 10.30am-12noon, join us for **Spooky Stories: Teeny-Tiny & The Witch-Woman**.

Ever wondered what lurks in the wood at night? When Teeny-Tiny, In-The-Middle and Big-One linger too long after dark they shelter in a cottage, but all is not as it seems.

This well-loved tale will be told by professional storyteller Helen Tozer and followed by forest craft activities

All events can be booked **www.fothcp.org/events-training** or by calling 8983 1277.

If you'd like something more gentle and historical, join **The Real East End: A Walking Tour** on Saturday, October 31, 1-3pm.

Among the dappled shade of the only woodland in Zone 2 are once key-characters in the fabric of the East End.

Join members of the **Cemetery Club** to learn all about our buried residents, including some notable and notorious characters.

So, you have no excuse. Pull on your wellies for a wander or get crafty with crispy leaves. Woodlands are wonderful. Embrace the crisp air and celebrate.

By Kenneth Greenway, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park manager

Chemist rota

Pharmacists in Tower Hamlets with extended opening hours.

E1

ABC Drug Stores, 12-14 Montague Street: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm.
Beck & Sherman, 197 Whitechapel Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, bank holidays 11am-1pm.
Sainsbury's, The Albion Brewery: Mon-Fri 8.30am-10pm, Sat 7.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-5pm.
Chapel, 139 Cannon Street: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm.

E2

Fairdale, 360 Bethnal Green Road: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am-6.30pm, Thurs 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.
Florida, 307 Bethnal Green Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

E3

Bell, 534 Roman Road: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 10am-2pm.
Forward, 648 Mile End Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun and bank holidays 10am-6pm.
Green Light, St Andrew's Health Centre, 2 Hannaford Walk: 8am-8pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays.
Lincoln, 60 St Paul's Way: Mon, Tues, Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs, Fri, 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm.
Tesco, Hancock Road: Mon 8am-10.30pm, Tues-Fri 6.30am-10.30pm, Sat 6.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

E14

Boots, Unit 15, Jubilee Place: Mon-Fri 7am-midnight, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm.
Britannia (Perimart), Asda Precinct, East Ferry Road: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 11am-4pm, bank holidays 11am-6pm.

Doctors

Please ring your doctor's surgery for an appointment, but if it's the weekend or late at night, call 7377 7151 (only for people in Tower Hamlets who are registered with a doctor). To find a doctor, dentist or help to quit smoking call the health hotline on 7364 5016, Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 8am-4pm.

Advice

East London Parkinson's Support Group
For people with Parkinson's disease and their carers. Meets third Weds each month, 11am-12pm at John Scurr Community Centre, 1A Bekesbourne St, E14.
0844 225 3704/0808 800 0303

Family Information Service (FIS)
The Family Information Service provides information for people from birth to age 19 including helping parents and carers find childcare, advice on tax credits and childcare vouchers. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm.
30 Greatorex Street, E1.
fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk
7364 6495

Alzheimer's Society Tower Hamlets
Advice and help for carers and people with dementia.
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm.
Robinson Centre, Mile End Hospital, Bancroft Road, E1.
8121 5626

Tower Hamlets Advocacy Project
Independent advocates for adults with learning disabilities.
Mon-Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm.
Gladstone Place, 1 Ewart Place, E3.
7364 2550/2199

Parents Advice Centre (PAC)
Offers advice around special educational needs (SEN).
30 Greatorex Street, E1. Drop-in sessions every Tues & Fri, 9.30am-3.30pm.
364 6489

LinkAge Plus
An initiative of the Department for Work and Pensions. Toynbee Hall is one of five centres that coordinates services and activities provided. Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm, drop-in session for advice on benefits, pensions, employment and housing. Appointments necessary. Mon 9am-5pm, Bangladeshi group. Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E1
7392 2914
www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Free Advice
Benefits, housing, immigration. Bengali speakers, home visits to house-bound. Weds, 10.30am-12.30pm, Island House, Roserton Street, E14. Thurs, 1-3pm, Splash, Will Crooks Estate, Poplar High Street, E14.
7987 9379

Skillsmatch
Free advice on all aspects of employment including training, apprenticeships and job vacancies.
Canary Wharf Recruitment & Training Centre, 55 Upper Bank Street, E14.
7364 3727 or email skillsmatch@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Tower Hamlets National Childbirth Trust
Offers support, information and friendship to parents and parents-to-be. Regular events.
07976 710964 or towerhamletsnct@yahoo.com
www.nct.org.uk

Breastfeeding Support Centres
Mon 11am-1pm Wapping Children's Centre, 15 Chandler St, E1. Weds 12.30-2.30pm, Collingwood Children's Centre, Buckhurst St, E1. Fri 12.30-2.30pm, Overland Children's Centre, 60 Parnell Rd, E3.
Sun 2-4pm Barkantine Birth Centre, 121 Westferry Rd, E14.
3594 2591 or 07961 609 626

Free home fire safety advice
From the London Fire Brigade
08000 28 44 28

Photo order form

Copies of pictures published in East End Life taken by council photographers are available to readers. To request a copy, email **eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk** and we can send it straight away. If you do not have access to email fill in this form and send it to Photos, East End Life, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG. This service does take longer.

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Careers advice

Tower Hamlets Careers Service
Careers advice for ages 13-19 (up to 25 SEN). Mon-Fri, 1pm-5pm. Appointments available.
Careers Centre, 35 Bow Road, E3.
7364 1401

TH Lifelong Learning
Mon-Thurs, 10am-4pm.
Shadwell Centre, 455 The Highway, E1.

Careers advice
Support from Civic Enterprise Clubs Co-operative. Tues & Thurs, 1-4pm & 6-9pm
Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate, EC2.
07432 463343

A busy life, well lived

Fahmida has written 25 children's books, produced songs and scripts for television, worked as a performing artist as well as a therapist for special needs children.

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Writing in Braille

Fahmida is losing her eyesight, but she is learning Braille and hopes to continue writing in it.

News

As the granddaughter of a renowned poet and the niece of an accomplished puppeteer, Fahmida Monju Majid has creativity in her genes. **Jessica Odubayo** went to meet her. Photos by **Kois Miah**.

Poems and puppets, song and dance, to 'make children happy'

FAHMIDA Monju Majid is a clinical psychologist turned author, professional storyteller, poet, and creative therapist.

She has written 25 children's books, produced songs and scripts for television, worked as a performing artist, as well as a therapist for special needs children.

Now, due to diabetes, the Bow resident is losing her eyesight but vows that this will not stop her artistic drive.

"I cannot stop writing," the resolute 71-year-old told East End Life. "I wake up with a rhyme or a story on my mind. I'm learning Braille and I hope to continue writing in it."

Fahmida, whose grandfather Gulam Mustafa is legendary in Bangladesh for his poetry, writes predominantly in her native Bangla but has also penned short stories and poems in English.

> "I wake up with a rhyme or story on my mind. I cannot stop writing."
> Fahmida Monju Majid

"I am currently working on two Bangla scripts," she said.

Children are a major focus of Fahmida's work. And she has responded to invitations from nations including the United States, Norway and South Korea to hold interactive story-telling sessions for children with special needs.

"I sing and dance to make children happy," the storyteller said.

Fahmida has also been commissioned in the past to work for health and human rights charities and organisations, where she inspires service users with her soothing words and colourful props.

Hand-made puppets and monsters, which Fahmida can create in less than half an hour, have often accompanied her storytelling missions.

Through her publications, which are available in local bookshops and libraries, the author hopes to continue to provoke thought and create change through her work.

Fahmida Monju Majid, with one of her children's books

Who has not

Is it my complexion, is it my root?
With what exactly do you dispute?
Is it my country, is it my weather?
Can it be settled by sitting together?
Am I too short, am I too tall?
Why do you need to build a wall?
Am I too far or am I too near?
Is it my smile, my stories full of tear?
Are my eyes too close to my nose?
Is it my curly hair-n-eyebrows?
Is it my heart, my voice, my speech?
I'm sure you practice what you preach.
Am I left out for I have got a special need?
Then who has not?

Urgent and personal

Not after a decade,
nor after a year, I fear

Not after a month,
nor after a week I seek

Not after a night,
nor after a day I pray

Not after a moment,
nor after an hour of shower

Let us have peace this very
minute, I mean it.

Tower Hamlets Energy

...bringing residents cheap gas and electricity

Following our energy auction on October 13, those who registered will see an average saving of £244 per year!

1 Register with us for free. You're under no obligation to switch energy providers

2 You then receive a personalised offer outlining any savings that you could make

Register online by November 24 to see if you can save too. You can also register by phone by November 17.

Come along and talk to us at the following locations:
Saturday October 31, 10am-3pm: Stepney City Farm
Tuesday November 10, 12pm-4pm: Roman Road Market outside the Idea Store

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0800 508 8364
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/energy

Outstanding Swanlea

OFSTED's latest report comments on Swanlea School's outstanding teaching, learning and environment.

WWW.SWANLEA.TOWERHAMLETS.SCH.UK

More places to play for London kids

LONDON PLAY

London Play creates opportunities for children to play by building playgrounds, running events and supporting local organisations, groups or individuals to do the same.

WWW.LONDONPLAY.ORG.UK

Playground up for award

CHRIST Church Primary School in Spitalfields has been shortlisted in the 2015 London Adventure Playground Awards.

The awards celebrate playgrounds across the capital, as well as play on the street and in schools. Christ Church is in the running for the 'most adventurous play' award, and staff and children are due to attend a ceremony on October 28.

London Play, a charity that aims to get children in London playing out more often, is hosting the awards.

"We promote children's right to play, campaign for more and improved out-of-school play services for children and young people, and support play providers," a spokeswoman for the charity said.

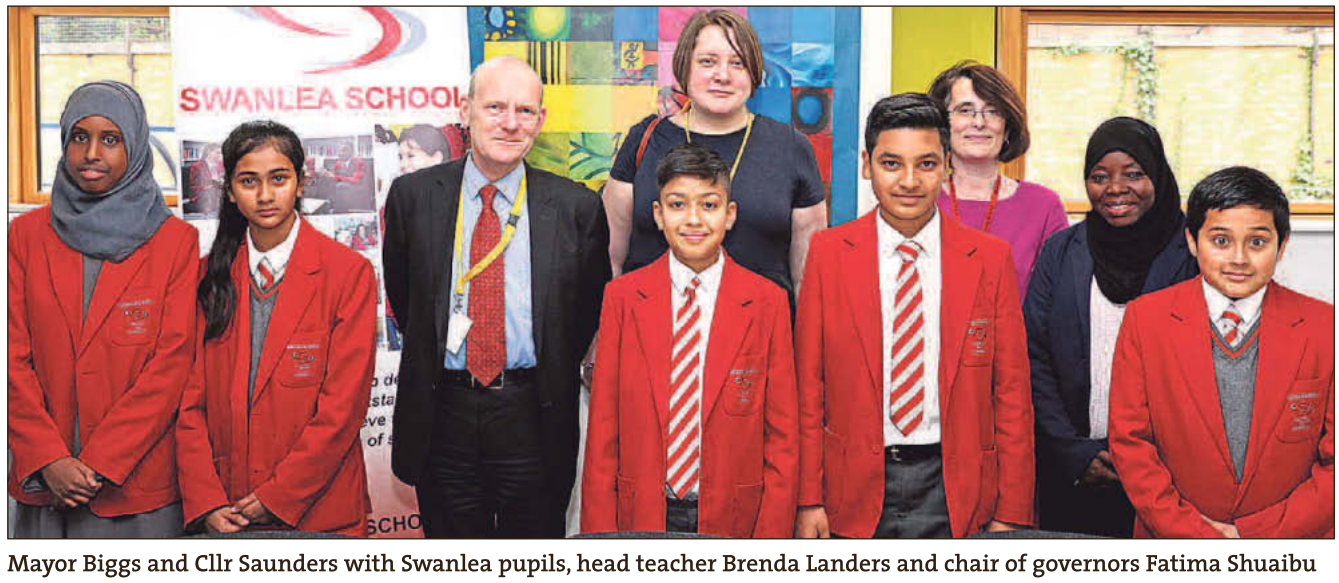
Swanlea tour for Mayor Biggs

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

PUPILS and staff welcomed Mayor John Biggs to Swanlea school on October 16.

The mayor was joined by Cllr Rachael Saunders, cabinet member for education and children's services.

The visitors had lunch with students at the Whitechapel school and chatted with head teacher Brenda Landers and chair of governors Fatima Shuaibu about the school's progress, academic support and future aspirations of students.



Mayor Biggs and Cllr Saunders with Swanlea pupils, head teacher Brenda Landers and chair of governors Fatima Shuaibu

In the last round of GCSEs, Swanlea achieved its best ever results with 75 per cent of pupils getting five A*-C grades.

Pupils talked about the school's literacy programme, sports facilities and outings.

"We were delighted to welcome the mayor and Cllr Saunders to our school, and we're very grateful that they were able to make time to see our school and converse with some of our students," said Ms Landers.

Have Your Voice Heard!

2 - 8 NOVEMBER
Youth Work Week 2015

NYA National Youth Agency

TOWER HAMLETS

Showcasing the best of sporting, learning, artistic and community activities and events for young people

2-8 November 2015

Poster artwork: Art competition winners Samiul Rahim and Ali Mohammed

To get involved or find out what's on near you visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/youth

CELEBRATING YOUTH WORK WEEK

World Mental Health Day
10th October

From panic attacks to OCD

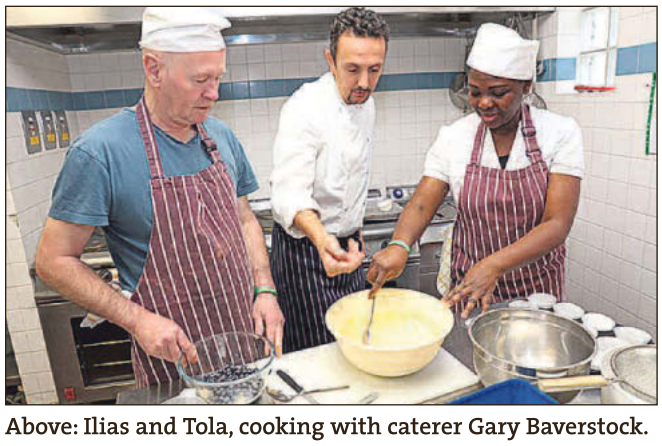
Common mental health problems include depression, generalised anxiety, social anxiety, panic, obsessive-compulsive and post-traumatic stress disorders.

Widespread illness

One in four adults and one in ten children are likely to have a mental health problem each year.

WWW.MENTALHEALTH.ORG.UK

Busy day at Pritchards



Above: Ilias and Tola, cooking with caterer Gary Baverstock.
Below: Pritchards Road students with their ICT certificates.

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

PRACTICAL workshops, employment advice, musical theatre, a cooking competition and quizzes were some of the activities held to mark World Mental Health Day.

The international day of celebration on October 10 was aimed at raising awareness of what can be done to ensure that people with mental health problems can live with dignity.

Pritchards Road day centre hosted its event on October 16 to challenge mental health stigma.

Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs, cabinet member for health and adult services, joined residents at the fun and informative day.

Above: Barbara makes a bird box. Right: a role-playing session; and John Eversley presents a workshop.

Bethnal Green Academy **Sixth Form**

Over 90% secured university places

Intensive Oxbridge interview preparation

Ambitious work experience programme

Fast track skills for life

97% pass rate for post 16 courses

11 subjects achieved a 100% pass rate at A Level

Access to Higher National Apprenticeships

Inspirational Leadership Programme

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Best ever AS results

4x A Level and vocational BTEC pathways

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Open Evening

Tuesday 3rd November 2015 | 5.00pm -6.00pm

Gosset Street, London E2 6NW | 020 7920 7900 | info@bethnalgreenacademy.co.uk
www.bethnalgreenacademy.co.uk

Bethnal Green Academy is part of the Green Spring Education Trust family

Something in the air

The Zero Emissions Network aims to improve air quality while helping businesses to save money.

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

Fostering deeper relations

The borough has long historic connections with Somaliland, including seafarers and merchants who visited the docks and settled in the borough since the 19th Century.

SEE BELOW

News in brief

First birthday bash for the Zero Emissions Network

THE first year anniversary of award-winning Zero Emissions Network (ZEN) was marked with a networking event on Wednesday, October 14.

The project helps businesses save money, reduce emissions and improve air quality. Members of the network discussed its benefits with elected representatives and businesses interested in joining up.

ZEN was established to improve air quality by helping businesses across the City Fringe area, in Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Islington, to reduce their output of pollution.

More than 700 firms have already signed up for free and are offered energy advice and eco-audits which assess a company's energy and waste management needs.

Hersi Hassan with Speaker Abdul Mukit MBE

DEEPER associations between Tower Hamlets and the African nation of Somaliland were fostered during a visit by Hersi Hassan, minister of the presidency of Somaliland, on Friday, October 16.
Mayor John Biggs, Speaker of the Council Abdul Mukit MBE, Cllr Amina Ali, representative of the borough's Somali community and opposition party leaders Cllr Peter Golds and Cllr Oliur Rahman, were among those who welcomed Mr Hassan to the Town Hall, Mulberry Place.

Sign up for the Rotary Club

A CHARITABLE group of business and professional people who come together to help those in need are inviting others to join them.

Members of The Rotary Club of Tower Hamlets give their time and expertise voluntarily, supporting local food banks, homelessness organisations, schools and other causes.

The club meets on Wednesdays at 7pm at Captain Kidd Pub, 108 Wapping High Street.

Visit **www.towerhamlets rotary.org** or call 8500 4520.

Have your say

on the proposal for the new Silvertown Tunnel

We're giving you an opportunity to have your say on the proposal for a new tunnel at Silvertown, before a planning application is submitted in Spring 2016. The new tunnel will:

- Reduce queuing at the Blackwall Tunnel by providing a nearby alternative river crossing
- Offer new cross-river bus link opportunities
- Support the creation of new jobs and homes

Our scheme includes a proposal to introduce a charge to use the Blackwall and Silvertown Tunnels. This would help manage traffic-flow and fund the new tunnel.

To find out more please visit tfl.gov.uk/silvertown-tunnel or go to your local roadshow:

Idea Store Chrisp Street, 1 Vesey Path,
East India Dock Road, E14 6BT
Saturday 7 November, 10:00-16:00

The consultation ends 29 November 2015

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Public notice

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
– SECTION 14 (1)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – GOODMANS STILE E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, having consulted with Transport for London, made an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Goodmans Stile for a distance of approximately 45 metres in the south-west direction from its junction with Commercial Road;

Reason: To allow essential crane works to be carried out on the public highway by Commhoist Limited;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Leman Street, Prescot Street, Mansell Street, Whitechapel High Street and Commercial Road;

Period: On Sunday 1st November 2015 from 09:30 hours until 15:30 hours.

Refer any queries regarding the above traffic restrictions to Dave Pryce, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 26th October 2015

SIMON BAXTER, INTERIM SERVICE HEAD
PUBLIC REALM, MULBERRY PLACE,
5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON E14 2BG

A des res is hard to find

For the first time ever perhaps, the eastern fringe of the City is desirable, hip. But some things don't change – the struggle is on to find housing that's both decent and affordable.

SEE BELOW

Got a story to tell?

If you have a tale about East End history, write to John Rennie or email him at **johnrennie@gmail.com**

WWW.EASTLONDONHISTORY.COM

History

John Rennie **continues the story of the perennial problem of housing in the East End.**

Home front battles went on long after war ended

IF the housing situation in the East End was bad before World War II, the outbreak of hostitilies saw things become desperate.

Yet even before the bombs started falling, tenants found they had some power with the landlords. A succession of rent strikes from 1940 onwards focused on the lack of air raid shelter provision in the boroughs east of the City... though when the Blitz started, an Anderson or Morrison shelter would prove little protection.

And the fight for housing changed local politics too and became bound up – for a while at least – with the Communist party.

Phil Piratin had been one of the most energetic campaigners for better housing, against fascism and for proper shelters, and had won enormous trust from local people. So it was in 1945 that he was elected as the Communist MP for Stepney. Four months later, all ten Communist candidates were elected to the borough council.

Yet even as the fight seemed to be turning, the whole complexion of the East End was changing. Bombed-out families had left, most never to return as they had no homes to go back to.

The ethnic mix of the East End had been changed too: there was a huge move out by Jewish residents, and they had been the stalwarts of the local Communist party, and thus the rent protests.

Seeds had been planted though. Lew Cherley described himself as 'non political', but he knew who the enemies were. He had helped defend Cable Street in the 1930s and helped organise the rent strikes in the years that followed. And when a friend asked him if he was interested in forming a tenants' association on the new Ocean Estate, "I said yes." He was still fighting for the rights of tenants there at 85, until a few months before his death in 2001.

But most people could only dream of getting a spanking new flat on the Ocean (currently being redeveloped of course). The new East Enders were arriving from Bangladesh, and moving into the swiftly decaying Spitalfields.

The grand plans for post-war reconstruction had dwindled to a piecemeal building of estates such as the Ocean, and there were a number of fights going on. GLC tenants were battling rent rises; slum tenants were pushing the councils to demolish and redevelop; and (mainly white) squatters were appropriating the hundreds of properties left empty.

The last two were closely connected. The GLC owned 60 per cent of council houses in the new borough of Tower Hamlets and, as they emptied them to rehouse the tenants, the squatters would move in.

For the new Bengali community, there was a further fear. The rise of the far-right in London meant that you might be afraid to step outside your front door in Spitalfields, let alone be rehoused in a predominantly white estate further out into Bethnal Green or Stepney. And the racism was institutionalised in the housing bureaucracy too.

Squatting activist Terry Fitzpatrick recalled accompanying a Bengali to request a transfer away from racist neighbours only to be told the requested empty flat "was for white people". Bengali families would be rehoused only to return to the safety of a squat in Spitalfields.

The fight for decent housing again became caught up with the Left politics of the day, though for most it was a purely practical battle. Accusations by those on the Left and the Right that Bengalis were ghettoising themselves will always be less compelling than the need to protect your family from attack.

Fitzpatrick now became viewed as Tower Hamlets' semi-official housing manager for Bengalis, but many young Bangladeshis who would later become involved in Tower Hamlets politics cut their teeth in the fight for decent housing.

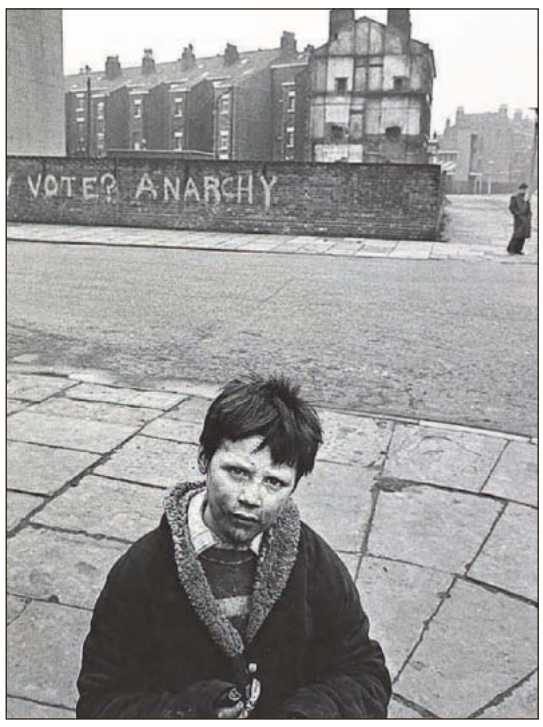
Abbas Uddin, who would later become leader of the council was, with his parents, one of the first Bengali squatters, and would become a youthful secretary of the Bengali Housing Action Group. Sunahwar Ali was a youth activist with the group and went on to run the Tower Hamlets Homeless Families Campaign.

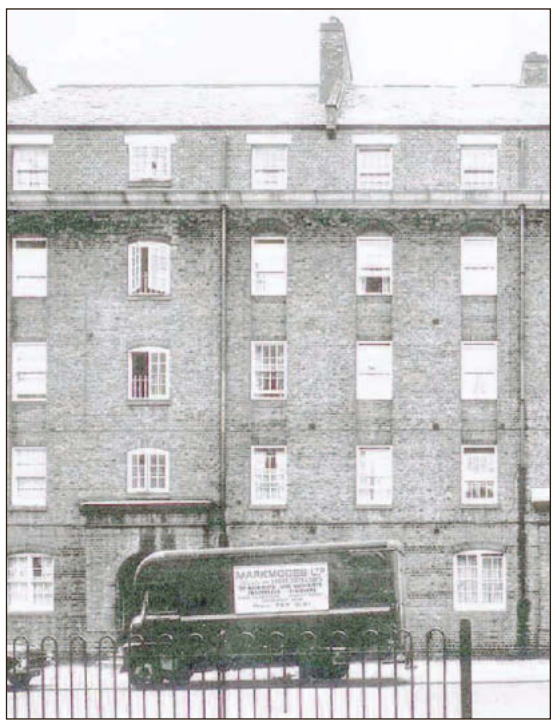
Just as in the Thirties, there were also battles on the streets. The Blackshirts were no more but in their place were the National Front, the British Movement and then the BNP marching down Brick Lane. Meanwhile, Fitzpatrick and the BHAG were working with the council to draw up a safe list of estates to which Bangladeshi families would be prepared to move. Thirteen were designated, later to be reduced to eight.

Today Spitalfields is transforming again. This time it's not immigrants escaping conflict overseas who are moving into and changing the area. For the first time ever perhaps, the eastern fringe of the City is desirable, hip – a place to choose to live rather than tolerate. But some things don't change.

As ever the pressure on space is intolerable and the struggle is on to find housing that's both decent and affordable. Vermin and a lack of sanitation may be (largely) problems of the past but London, and the East End especially, still faces the perennial problem... of how to house its own people.

Bengali immigrants relied on the tight social networks they had brought with them





Above left: the change to 'never had it so good' Britain seemed to pass the East End by.
Above right: as the Sixties became the Seventies, big post-war building plans failed to materialise.

References and with thanks to: http://socialistreview.org.uk/307/left-history-rising-east; www.sarahglynn.net/The%20Battle%20for%20Housing.html

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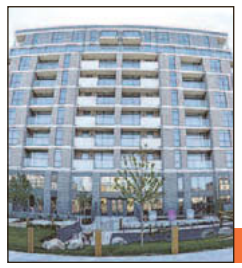

ব্ল্যাকওয়াল রীচ প্রকল্পের প্রথম পর্বের ঘর হস্তান্তর

তিন শ' মিলিয়ন পাউন্ডের ব্ল্যাকওয়াল রীচ পূণঃউন্নয়ন প্রকল্পের প্রথম পর্যায়ের কাজের অংশ হিসেবে নির্মিত ঘরগুলো বাসিন্দাদের কাছে হস্তান্তর করা হয়েছে। বিশাল এই উন্নয়ন প্রকল্পের প্রথম পর্যায়ের সাফল্য উদযাপনে বাসিন্দারা যোগ দিয়েছিলেন মেয়র জন বিগস এবং সোয়ান হাউজিং ও গ্রেটার লন্ডন অথরিটির শীর্ষ কর্মকর্তাদের সাথে। বিস্তারিত পড়ুন নিচে –

BRAND NEW HOMES WITHIN REACH

Guryaha cusub ee laga dhisay Blackwall Reach

New homes are within Reach – issue 1082

QAAR ka mid ah dadka degmada ayaa u guuray guryaha cusub ee laga dhisay Blackwall Reach.

Dhismayaasha Camellia House iyo Blashill Court, waxay qayb ka yihiin mashruuca dib u habaynta agagaarka Black wall oo ku kacaya £300 million. Qaar ka mid ah dadka guryahan degay waxay ka soo guureen Robin Hood Gardens Estate.

16kii octoobar, oo ku beegnayd khamiis, ayaa waxa qaybtii hore ee masuhruuca si wada jir ah u daahfuray, councilka, Swan Housing Group iyo the Greater London Authority (GLA).

Waxa dhamaaday 98 guri – 79 waxa lagu wareejiyey dadka ka diiwaan gashan qaybaha guriyeynta bulshada, 8 guri oo kalena waxa loo loogu talo galay dadka degan ama ka shaqeeya Tower Hamlets.

Guryaha intii soo hadhay waxa lagu wareejiyey dadkii haystay mulkiyada lahaanshaha mudaysan ee guryaha Robin Hood Gardens.

Nasima Bibi iyo qoyskeedu waxay Robin Hood Gardens deganaayeen 17 sanadood.

Nasima waxay sheegtay: "Blashhill Court waxa lagu sameeyey, dhamaan waxyaabaha looga baahan yahay in laga helo guryaha la dhisay qarnigan 21, aad."

Horumarintan waxa lagu bedelay 252 guri oo Robin Hood Gardens ahaa, waxana la dhamystiri doonaa 1,500 guri 10ka sanadood ee soo socda.

Waxaa sidoo kale goobtan laga samayn doonaa xafiis cusub oo qaabilsan guryaha Swan's.

Waxa kale oo la samaynayaa shay kasta oo guryuhu u baahan yihiin, mashruucani wuxu kale oo uu soo kordhinayaa adeegyo cusub oo bulshada loogu talo galay, tababaro iyo firsado shaqo oo loogu talo galay dadka deegaanka.

Duqa John Biggs, oo daahfurkii goob joog ahaa ayaa wuxu yidhi: "Blackwall Reach waa guul ka mid ah higsiga mashruuca dib u habaynta.

"Arinta muhiimada gaarka lihi waxa weeye, waxkaqabashada in la helo guryo kiradooda la awoodo, dadka degaankuna ay helaan firsado ay ugu sii noolaan karaan agagaarka ay ku koraan."

Resident Munayem Rahman with Cllr Sirajul Islam, Mayor John Biggs, Sandra Fawcett of Swan housing and Richard Blakeway from the Greater London Authority

ব্ল্যাকওয়াল রীচ প্রকল্পের প্রথম পর্বের ঘর হস্তান্তর করা হলো বাসিন্দাদের মাঝে

Brand new homes within Reach – issue 1083

তিন শ' মিলিয়ন পাউন্ডের ব্ল্যাকওয়াল রীচ পূণঃউন্নয়ন প্রকল্পের প্রথম পর্যায়ের কাজের অংশ হিসেবে নির্মিত ঘরগুলো বাসিন্দাদের কাছে হস্তান্তর করা হয়েছে।

বিশাল এই উন্নয়ন প্রকল্পের প্রথম পর্যায়ের সাফল্য উদযাপনে বাসিন্দারা যোগ দিয়েছিলেন মেয়র অব টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ জন বিগস এবং সোয়ান হাউজিং ও গ্রেটার লন্ডন অথরিটির শীর্ষ কর্মকর্তাদের সাথে।

সম্পূর্ণ নতুনভাবে নির্মিত ক্যামেলিয়া হাউজ ও ব্ল্যাশিল কোর্টের ফ্ল্যাটগুলো বাসিন্দাদের কাছে হস্তান্তর করা হয়েছে, যাদের অধিকাংশই সংলগ্ন রবিন হুড গার্ডেন্স এস্টেটে বাস করতেন।

নতুন ফেইজ ৯৮ টি প্রোপার্টি নির্মান করা হয়েছে। এর মধ্যে ৭৯টি সোশ্যাল হাউজিং টেনেন্টদের মধ্যে ভাড়া দেয়া হয়েছে। ৮টি রাখা হয়েছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে বসবাস বা কাজের সূত্রে অবস্থানকারীদের জন্য এবং বাকীগুলো রবিন হুড গার্ডেনের লীজহোল্ডারদের জন্য, যারা এই এলাকায় বসবাস করতে চান। টাওয়ার হ্যালেটস্ এবং মেয়র অব লন্ডন এর মালিকানাধীন জমির ওপর এই ভবন দু'টি নির্মান করা হয়েছে।

৯৮টি ফ্ল্যাট ছাড়াও এখানে রয়েছে সোয়ান এর রিজিওনাল হাউজিং অফিস এবং মাল্টি–পারপাস কমিউনিটি ফ্যাসিলিটিজ। দশ বছরে বাস্তবায়নাধীন গোটা প্রকল্পের আওতায় রবিন হুড গার্ডেন্সের ২৫২টি প্রোপার্টি পুণঃনির্মান ছাড়াও এখানে নির্মান করা হবে ১৫০০টি ঘর। সমুদয় ঘরের অর্ধেকই হবে এফোর্ডেবল হোমস্। এছাড়া বিভিন্ন ধরনের কমিউনিটি সুবিধাদি, নতুন মসজিদ, বানিজ্যিক ইউনিট গড়ে তোলা হবে।

রবিন হুড গার্ডেনে বহু বছর ধরে বসবাস–কারী মিসেস নাসিমা বিবি ও তার পরিবার নতুন ঘরে স্থানান্তরিত হয়ে যারপর নাই খুশি। তিনি বলেন, ব্ল্যাশিল কোর্টের বাসিন্দা হতে পারাটা খুবই আনন্দের। নব নির্মিত এই ঘরগুলো এমনভাবে ডিজাইন করা হয়েছে, যা নিয়ে পরবর্তী প্রজন্ম গৌরব বোধ করবে।

আরেক জন বাসিন্দা মিঃ মোনায়েম রহমান তাঁর নতুন ঘরে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের মেয়র, কেবিনেট মেম্বারগণ ও জিএলএ এর ডেপুটি মেয়র ফর হাউজিং এন্ড ল্যান্ডকে স্বাগত জানান। এসময় তিনি বলেন, নব নির্মিত এই ঘরে বসবাস করতে পারাটা ভাগ্যের ব্যাপার, যা একটি পরিবার ও নতুন প্রজন্মের সকল প্রয়োজন মেটানোর উপযোগী করে নির্মান করা হয়েছে।

সোয়ান হাউজিং গ্রুপের এক্সিকিউটিভ ডিরেক্টর ফর অপারেশনস্, সান্ড্রা ফোকেট বলেন, ব্ল্যাকওয়াল রীচ রিজেনারেশন প্রজেক্টের ফেজ ১এ এ নির্মিত ৯৮টি নতুন ঘর হস্তান্তর করতে পেরে আমরা খুবই আনন্দিত। ফেইজ ১বি এর অধীনে আরো ২৪২ টি নতুন ঘর ও বাণিজ্যিক ইউনিট নির্মান কাজ শুরু হয়েছে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের মেয়র, জন বিগস বলেন, সর্বোচ্চ মান সম্পন্ন ও অতি প্রয়োজনীয় ১৫০০ ঘর নির্মানের লক্ষ্যে গৃহিত ব্ল্যাকওয়াল রীচ প্রজেক্ট অত্যন্ত সফল ও উচ্চাভিলাষি একটি প্রকল্প। প্রথম ফেজ এর নির্মান কাজ নির্ধারিত সময়ে সম্পন্নের মধ্য দিয়ে এই প্রজেক্টের পেছনের সুদৃঢ় পার্টনারশীপের ইতিবাচক কাজের প্রমাণ ফুটে ওটেছে।

ডেপুটি মেয়র এবং কেবিনেট মেম্বার ফর হাউজিং, কাউন্সিলর সিরাজুল ইসলাম বলেন, সুদীর্ঘকাল যাবত আমরা এক কমিউনিটির যে সুমহান চেতনাকে ধারণ করে আসছি এবং বর্তমান ও নতুন বাসিন্দা ও পরিবারগুলো যাতে গর্বের সাথে নিজের ঘর বলতে পারেন, এমন উন্নয়ন প্রকল্পের একটি চমৎকার উদাহরণ হচ্ছে এই ব্ল্যাকওয়াল রীচ প্রজেক্ট। আমাদের নতুন ঘরগুলো খুবই আকর্ষনীয়, বাস্তবানুগ এবং বাসিন্দাদের চাহিদা পূরণের দিকে লক্ষ্য রেখে নির্মিত।

কেবিনেট মেম্বার ফর স্ট্র্যাটেজিক ডেভেলপমেন্ট, কাউন্সিলর র‍্যাচেল ব্ল্যাক বলেন, আধুনিক আবাসন নিশ্চিত করার পাশাপাশি উন্নতমানের কমিউনিটি ও শিক্ষাগত অবকাঠামো গড়ে তোলার ক্ষেত্রে ব্ল্যাকওয়াল রীচ প্রজেক্ট একটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ স্কীম। এরই মধ্যে এই এলাকায় নান্দনিক পরিবর্তন ঘটেছে। এই উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন হওয়ার পর এই এলাকা বসবাসের জন্য উন্নত জনপদে পরিণত হবে।

Wafti ka socda dawlada Somaliland

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BOOQASHO ka turjumaysa xidhiidhka qotoda dheer ee ka dhexeeya Tower Hamlets iyo qaranka Somaliland, ayaa waxa degmada ku yimi wasiirka Madaxtooyada Somaliland,16kii Octobar oo ku beegnayd maalintii Jimcaha.

Waxa dadkii xarunta dawlada hoose ee Mulberry Place wasiirka ku soo dhaweeyey ka mid ahaa, Duqa degmada John Biggs, afhayeenka Councilka Abdul Mukit MBE, Xildhibaan Amina Ali, iyo hogaamiyayaasha xisbiyada mucaarardka ah Xildhibaan Cllr Peter Golds iyo Xildhibaan Oliur Rahman.

Xildhibaan Amina Ali ayaa waxay sharaxday xidhiidhka taariikhiga ah ee ka dhexeeya degmadan iyo Somaliland, iyadoo tusaale usoo qaataday badmaaxyadii Soomaalida ahaa, iyo ganacsatadii soo booqan jirey rugaha maraakiibtu ku soo xidhaan, markii dambena degaan ku noqday degmada ilaa qarnigii 19,aad.

Waxa kale oo ay Xildhibaanadu sheegtay in dadka Soomaalida ah ee degmada degan 99% ay markoodii hore kasoo haajireen wadanka Somaliland.

Duqa Biggs ayaa wuxu bayaamiyey in councilku sahamin ugu jiro sidii loo suurto gelin lahaa in la mataaneeyo Tower Hamlets iyo magaalo madaxda labaad ee Somaliland ee Burco.

Xildhibaan Amina Ali ayaa waxay iftiimisay: "Waxa farxad iyo sharaf noo ah inaanu wasiir Xirsi Ali ku soo dhaweyno Tower Hamlets."

মেট্রোপলিটান ইউনিভার্সিটির ক্যাম্পাস স্থানান্তরের সিদ্ধান্তে মেয়র বিগস্ মর্মাহত

London Met University relocation 'shocking'

লন্ডন মেট্রোপলিটান ইউনিভার্সিটি তাদের ক্যাম্পাস টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ বারার বাইরে সরিয়ে নেয়ার সিদ্ধান্তে মেয়র জন বিগস্ গভীর মর্মাহত ও মনঃক্ষুন্ন হয়েছেন।

এক বিবৃতিতে মেয়র বিগস বলেন, অল্ড গেইট এরিয়ার সকল শিক্ষার্থীর আসন হারানোটা দুর্ভাগ্যজনক, তবে বিশেষ করে স্যার জন ক্যাস ডিপার্টমেন্ট অব আর্ট, মিডিয়া এন্ড ডিজাইন স্থানান্তর খুবই দুঃখজনক। পূর্ববর্তী ইন্সটিটিউশনের ধারাবাহিকতায় ইস্ট এন্ডের রয়েছে দ্যা ক্যাস এর গভীর শেকড় এবং একাডেমিক স্ট্যাডি ও ক্রিয়েটিভ প্রোডাকশনের সমন্বিত কার্যক্রমের জন্য রয়েছে চমৎকার সুনাম। রাজধানীর বুকে স্পন্দনশীল সাংস্কৃতিক ইন্ডাষ্ট্রির কেন্দ্রস্থলে এটি অবস্থিত ছিলো।

বিবৃতিতে মেয়র বলেন, লন্ডন মেট্রোপলিটান ইউনিভার্সিটির আর্থিক অব্যবস্থাপনার কারণে অত্যন্ত মূল্যবান ও গৌরবময় ঐতিহ্যকে ঝুঁকির মুখে ঠেলে দেয়াটা দুঃখজনক।

শিক্ষা ক্ষেত্রে স্থানীয় কমিউনিটির প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক ইতিহাসকে খর্ব করার এই সিদ্ধান্ত নিয়ে কথা বলার জন্য মেয়র জন বিগস্ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষের সাথে জরুরী ভিত্তিতে আলোচনা করার আগ্রহ প্রকাশ করেছেন।

জিসিএসই রেজাল্টের ক্ষেত্রে অগ্রগতির আরেকটি রেকর্ড

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ বারার এ বছরের জিসিএসই রেজাল্টের ক্ষেত্রে লক্ষ্যনীয় উন্নতি অর্জিত হয়েছে বলে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত প্রাথমিক তথ্য পর্যালোচনা প্রতিবেদনে উল্লেখ করা হয়েছে। প্রাথমিক উপাত্তে 'সারা দেশের মধ্যে পঞ্চম সর্বাধিক উন্নত স্থানীয় কর্তৃপক্ষ হচ্ছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস।' বিস্তারিত পড়ুন নিচে –

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টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ বারার এ বছরের জিসিএসই রেজাল্টের ক্ষেত্রে লক্ষ্যনীয় উন্নতি অর্জিত হয়েছে বলে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত প্রাথমিক তথ্য পর্যালোচনা প্রতিবেদনে উল্লেখ করা হয়েছে। প্রাথমিক উপাত্তে 'সারা দেশের মধ্যে পঞ্চম সর্বাধিক উন্নত স্থানীয় কর্তৃপক্ষ হচ্ছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস।'

২০১৫ সালের জিসিএসই পরীক্ষায় এই বারার ৬৩.৪ পারসেন্ট শিক্ষার্থী ৫টি এ স্টার থেকে সি গ্রেড লাভ করে। ২০১৪ সালে এই হার ছিলো ৫৯.৭ পার সেন্ট।

জাতীয় পর্যায়ের সাথে তুলনা করলে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের রেজাল্ট খুবই পৃথক ও অনন্য। তথ্য পর্যালোচনায় দেখা গেছে, জাতীয়ভাবে ৫টি এ স্টার থেকে সি গ্রেড লাভকারী শিক্ষার্থীর সংখ্যা হ্রাস পেয়েছে। আগের বছরে জাতীয় গড় হার ছিলো ৫৩.৪ শতাংশ, যা চলতি বছরে ৫২.৮ শতাংশে নেমে এসেছে।

বারায় বিশেষভাবে অগ্রগতি অর্জিত হয়েছে যে প্রতিষ্ঠানগুলোতে, তার মধ্যে রয়েছে বিশপ শ্যালেনর বয়েজ স্কুলে, যেখানে অগ্রগতির হার ২১ দশমিক ৬ শতাংশেরও বেশি, যা একটি অসাধারণ রেকর্ড। ল্যাংডন পার্ক স্কুলেও লক্ষ্যনীয় উন্নতি সাধিত হয়েছে, তাদের অগ্রগতির হার ১৫ দশমিক ৬ শতাংশ এবং সোয়ানলী স্কুলের অগ্রগতির হার গত বারের তুলনায় ১৪ দশমিক ৮ শতাংশ বেশি।

শিক্ষা ক্ষেত্রে বারার এই অসামান্য অগ্রগতি প্রসঙ্গে মেয়র, জন বিগস বলেন, আমাদের এই বারায় শিক্ষা স্থানীয় তরুণ প্রজন্মকে জীবনের পথ চলায় সুদৃঢ় পদক্ষেপে এগিয়ে যাওয়ার মতো দক্ষতায় সমৃদ্ধ করছে।

তিনি বলেন, সাফল্য অর্জনকারী এই সব স্কুলগুলোকে স্বীকৃতি দেয়া দরকার। শিক্ষকমন্ডলী ও স্কুল স্টাফদের কঠোর পরিশ্রম ছাড়া অনন্য এই সাফল্য অর্জন করা সম্ভব হতো না। আমি তাদের সকলকে অভিনন্দন জানাচ্ছি।

অতীতের অর্জন থেকে শিক্ষা নিয়ে সামনের দিনগুলোতে আরো সাফল্য অর্জন করতে স্কুলগুলো কাউন্সিলের সাথে মিলে পূর্ববর্তী বছরগুলোর তথ্য উপাত্ত নিয়ে পর্যালোচনা করছে। কাউন্সিলের অভিজ্ঞ কর্মকর্তারা স্কুল–গুলোকে সক্রিয়ভাবে সহায়তা দিচ্ছেন এবং বারার স্কুলগুলোর মধ্যে অংশিদারীত্বমূলক সম্পর্ক স্থাপনের মাধ্যমে সাফল্যের ধারা ছড়িয়ে দেয়ার লক্ষ্যে কাজ করে যাচ্ছেন।

শিক্ষা বিষয়ক কেবিনেট মেম্বার কাউন্সিলর র‍্যাচেল সান্ডার্স বলেন, শিক্ষক, অভিভাবক ও শিক্ষার্থীদের চমৎকার কাজের ফসল হচ্ছে অনবদ্য এই রেজাল্ট। স্কুলগুলোর এই সাফল্যকে উদযাপন করতে পেরে আমি খুবই সন্তুষ্ট।

বারার প্রথম কোডিং ক্লাব চালু করলো কাউন্সিল

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ডিজিটাল অন্তর্ভূক্তিকরণ সপ্তাহ উদযাপনের অংশ হিসেবে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল বারার প্রথম কোডিং ক্লাব চালু করেছে। ১২ থেকে ১৬ অক্টোবর এই তথ্য প্রযুক্তি সপ্তাহ পালন করা হয়।

ক্যানো এবং দ্যা এলিসিয়াম ফাউন্ডেশন সহযোগিতায় চালু হওয়া কোডিং ক্লাবের প্রথম সেশনে অংশগ্রহণকারী তরুণরা কোডিং এর টেস্টার কোর্সে অংশ নেয়ার আগে নিজেদের কম্পিউটার নিজেরা নির্মান করে। ক্যানরি ওয়ার্ফের কী হাউজে সর্বাধুনিক সুবিধা সম্বলিত সেন্টারে প্রযুক্তি বিশেষজ্ঞ প্রতিষ্ঠান ক্যানো এই প্রশিক্ষণ কর্মশালা পরিচালনা করে।

স্যার জন কাস স্কুলের ১৫ বছর বয়সী শিক্ষার্থী প্রেসিয়াস ওতুঙ্গা এই কোর্সে অংশ নেয়। এ ব্যাপারে তাঁর প্রতিক্রিয়া হচ্ছে এমন, কম্পিউটার নির্মান কার্যক্রমে অংশ নিয়ে আমি অভিভূত। এটা এমনই এক কাজ যা আমি আগে কখনো করিনি এবং কম্পিউটার নির্মান যে এতটাই সহজ কাজ তা বুঝতে পেরে আমি অবাক হয়েছি।

তিনি আরো বলেন, দৃষ্টি ও শ্রবণ প্রতিবন্ধীদের জন্য আমি শিক্ষামূলক এ্যাপ বানাতে চাই। তাই আমি আরো ক্লাস করার জন্য এখানে আসবো।

কেবিনেট মেম্বার ফর ওয়ার্ক এন্ড ইকোনোমিক গ্রোথ, কাউন্সিলর জসোয়া প্যাক বলেন, আমাদের স্থানীয় কর্মসংস্থানের রেকর্ড ইতিহাসের সর্বোচ্চ পর্যায়ে থাকায় আমি খুবই আনন্দিত। নতুন নতুন সুযোগ সৃষ্টির লক্ষ্যে এবং স্থানীয় ভিত্তিক প্রতিষ্ঠানগুলোতে বাসিন্দাদের নিয়োজিত করতে আমরা গুরুত্বপূর্ণ পার্টনার ও স্থানীয় এজেন্সিগুলোর সাথে অত্যন্ত ঘনিষ্টভাবে কাজ করে যাচ্ছি।

সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক কেবিনেট মেম্বার, কাউন্সিলর আসমা বেগম বলেন, তথ্য প্রযুক্তি ক্ষেত্রে বারার বাসিন্দাদের ডিজিটাল দক্ষতা আরো বাড়াতে আমরা বিভিন্ন ধরনের কর্মসূচি গ্রহণ করেছি। অনলাইন অপরচুনিটিজগুলোর সুবিধা গ্রহণ করতে আমাদের বাসিন্দারা যাতে সক্ষম হন, তা নিশ্চিত করতে আমরা বিনামূল্যে ইন্টারনেট ব্যবহার ও ফ্রি প্রশিক্ষণ কর্মশালা পরিচালনা অব্যাহত রাখবো।

পিপলস্ চয়েস এওয়ার্ড জিতেছে ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্ক

Victoria crowned Queen of all parks – see page 3

The lake is one of many attractions in Victoria Park

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্ক দ্বিতীয় বছরের মতো দেশের সকল পার্কের রানীর মর্যাদায় অভিষিক্ত হয়েছে।

গত বুধবার ২১ অক্টোবর সর্বাধিক ভোট পেয়ে ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্ক পিপলস্ চয়েস এওয়ার্ড জয় লাভ করে। 'কীপ বৃটেন টাইডি'র গ্রীণ ফ্ল্যাগ পার্টনারশীপ এই প্রতিযোগিতার আয়োজন করেছিলো।

গ্রীণ ফ্ল্যাগ এওয়ার্ড ম্যানেজার, পল টড বলেন, বিপুল সংখ্যক মানুষের কাছ থেকে ভোট পাওয়ায় এটাই প্রমাণিত হয়েছে যে, পার্ক ও সবুজ প্রান্তর কতটা গুরুত্বপূর্ণ আমাদের জনগণের কাছে। ২০১৫ সালের পিপলস্ চয়েস এওয়ার্ড বিজয়ী হওয়ার সত্যিকারের দাবিদার ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্ক। এই পার্কটিকে সর্বোচ্চ মানে রক্ষণাবেক্ষণের সাথে জড়িত সকল স্টাফ ও স্বেচ্ছাসেবীরা কঠোর পরিশ্রম করায় তাদের জানাই অভিনন্দন।

মেয়র, জন বিগস্ বলেন, পর পর দ্বিতীয় বছরের মতো ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্ক পিপলস্ চয়েস এওয়ার্ড জয়লাভ করাটা অসাধারণ এক অর্জন। এই অর্জনের মধ্য দিয়ে পার্কটি সারা দেশের মধ্যে সবচেয়ে প্রিয় পার্ক হিসেবে নিজের অবস্থান সুনিশ্চিত করেছে।

তিনি বলেন, চমৎকার এই পার্ক নিয়ে আমরা খুবই গর্বিত। আমাদের স্টাফরা খুবই ভালোবাসার সাথে পার্কটি দেখভাল করে থাকেন এবং বারার সবচেয়ে আকর্ষনীয় স্থান হিসেবে এটাকে তারা সজ্জিত রাখেন সব সময়। মেয়র আগামী ৭ নভেম্বর ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্কে অনুষ্ঠিতব্য বার্ষিক আতশবাজী উৎসব উপভোগ করার জন্য সর্বস্তরের জনগণকে পার্কে আসার জন্য অনুরোধ করেন।

উল্লেখ্য, গত বছর ৯ মিলিয়নেরও বেশি লোক ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্ক ভিজিট করেন, যা গত ৫ বছরের মধ্যে সর্বোচ্চ। বহু মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড ব্যয়ে পার্কের সংস্কার ও আধুনিকায়ন কাজ সম্পন্নের পর এর জনপ্রিয়তা দিনকে দিন বৃদ্ধি পাচ্ছে।

কেবিনেট মেম্বার ফর কালচার, কাউন্সিলর আসমা বেগম বলেন, ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্ক আবারও সাফল্য ছিনিয়ে আনলো। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের জনগণের হৃদয়ে এর রয়েছে বিশাল স্থান, একি সাথে গোটা লন্ডনেও রয়েছে এর ব্যাপক জনপ্রিয়তা।

আগামী ২৯ অক্টোবর মেয়র জন বিগস এবং কেবিনেট মেম্বাররা ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্কের এই অসাধারণ অর্জনকে উদযাপন করবেন। ঐ দিন হাব বিল্ডিংয়ে আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে শিরোপা হস্তান্তর করা হবে।

বিবিসি ড্রামা 'রিভার' এর চিত্রায়ন হয়েছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে

Tower Hamlets home to brand new BBC drama

বিবিসির জন্য নির্মিত 'রিভার' নামের নতুন ড্রামার প্রায় পুরোটাই ধারন করা হয়েছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ বারায়। ৬ পর্বের এই গোয়েন্দা সিরিয়েলটির সম্প্রচার শুরু হয়েছে ১৩ অক্টোবর থেকে।

কাহিনী উপযোগী লকেশন বাছাইয়ের দায়িত্বে নিয়োজিত প্যাট্রিক স্টুয়ার্ট এর আগে 'কল দ্যা মিডওয়াফ' নামের নাটকের জন্য এই বারাকে নির্বাচিত করেছিলেন। সেই অভিজ্ঞতাকে পুঁজি করেই তিনি এবার রিভার নাটকের জন্য বেছে নেন টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস।

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'রিভার' নাটকের প্রধান চরিত্রে অভিনয়কারী জন রিভার, যিনি ক্যানরি ওয়ার্ফ এ অবস্থিত পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টারে একজন মেধাবী গোয়েন্দা। ক্যানরি ওয়ার্ফ ছাড়াও বারার বিভিন্ন লকেশনে নাটকটির চিত্রায়ন হয়।

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Old Shoreditch Station

The former foundry and showroom of Wells & Company Commercial Ironworks

A view from the border

Walk of the Month: Shoreditch boundaries

On this month's walk **Graham Barker** explores the borough's outer limits. Photos by **Kois Miah**.

BOROUGH boundaries can be interesting places, marking the transition from one area to the next. On this walk, you'll get glimpses over into Hackney – old warehouses, creative enterprises and youth projects – mixed with Shoreditch street art, sculptures and a dash of local heritage.

From Shoreditch High Street station, you emerge onto Bethnal Green Road, beside Boxpark's pop-up parade of boutiques and cafes housed in freight containers.

Head right – by enticing street food stalls – to Threads **(1)**, a slender sculpture created by Tim and Hattie Coppard in 1996; its intertwined yarns allude to local textile industries, weaving their way through East End history.

Right: Giant Hedgehog by Belgian artist ROA

Below: entrance to the courtyard of Perseverance Works under Allen Jones' red steel Artisan sculpture

Below, right: Threads by Tim and Hattie Coppard

The black building opposite was built in 1884 as James & Sons boot manufactory; it's now a cocktail bar guarded by eagles. Around the corner in Chance Street **(2)** look out for the 1958 former synagogue – now a home-cum-artist's studio – and the so-called Dirty House, designed by David Adjaye with reflective smoked glass and pitch-black walls, topped by a roof terrace.

Here too is the first of many eye-catching artworks: a giant hedgehog, layered in black and white, by Belgian artist ROA.

Redchurch Street is something of a magnet for trendies and fashionistas. The Owl and Pussycat pub – behind its 1890s façade and gleaming green tiling – dates back to the late 17th century; it's still a popular drinking spot. And opposite, a sweep of boutiques offer upmarket fashions.

As its name suggests, Boundary Street marks the boundary between Tower Hamlets and Hackney. Sir Terence Conran set up the Boundary hotel, deli and restaurant here in 2008. They occupy a former printworks; the pavement windows let daylight down to the presses below.

Skirt beside the Boundary Estate **(3)**, created by the London County Council in the 1890s as London's first council housing development. Along Navarre Street there's a glimpse towards Arnold Circus, from which the whole estate radiates. The 19 blocks – named after towns along the Thames – are interspersed with community gardens. Several blocks have courtyard workshops: there's a café and yoga space at Cleeve Studios.

On Calvert Avenue, Paper and Cup is a social enterprise created by Spitalfields Crypt Trust (SCT) **(4)**. For 50 years, SCT has been "putting lives back together" by helping people recovering from addiction to develop new skills; at the New Hanbury

Ravenscroft Park, with its glimpse through the trees to the Dorset Estate

Psychedelic mural by Louis Masai on the rear wall at Rich Mix

Project opposite, they run the Restoration Station furniture workshop.

Shoreditch High Street is busy with traffic. Standing opposite, centre stage, is the former foundry and showroom of Wells & Company's Commercial Ironworks **(5)** – an Italian Gothic design of lancet windows and mosaic stars from 1877-80.

St Leonard's Church **(6)** – designed by George Dance the Elder – celebrates its 275th anniversary this year, but worship has taken place on this site since Roman times. It's open daily from 12-2pm; look inside at the historical exhibition, Bridge organ, and memorial to the Burbages and other local Tudor theatricals.

After crossing at the lights – with a glance towards the art deco former Great Eastern Railway station – follow Hackney Road. A succession of shops selling leather goods – colourful handbags and glitzy shoes – runs alongside.

The Eastside Educational Trust, picked out in purple, helps youngsters work creatively in music, drama and visual arts. Next door, Perseverance Works **(7)** is a hub for creative enterprises set in a cluster of Victorian warehouses. Nip into the courtyard – under Allen Jones' red steel Artisan sculpture – to investigate.

Over the road, there's a view towards Shoreditch Tabernacle – The Tab – topped with a polygonal glass lantern.

A few steps onwards – past an antique emporium and cocktail club – you arrive at Poor's Ground burial site **(8).** These days the only stone remaining commemorates Thomas Fairchild, a Hoxton nurseryman and florist, noted for his plant hybrids. An info-panel sets out his story, beautifully illustrated with hedgerow plants, fruit and herbs.

> **Back on Redchurch Street, sharks, puffer fish, sea anemones and corals come together in a psychedelic mural**

Left: Franta Belsky's sculpture The Lesson

Above: sign over Sir Terence Conran's Boundary hotel, deli on Boundary Street

Retrace a few steps and cross the zebra over to Columbia Road. Ahead, the imposing tenement block – with delicate balcony ironwork – is Leopold Buildings **(9)**, built 1872 by the Improved Industrial Dwellings Company and named after Queen Victoria's son, Prince Leopold.

Outside the Columbia Road Nursery School, a weather-beaten stone lion marks an entrance to the former Columbia Market – a vast, Gothic complex of shops, financed by philanthropist Angela Burdett-Coutts in 1868. A remarkable building, but not a commercial success, it was demolished in 1958.

Nearby, residents' gardens abound with giant palm, banana and olive trees. Skirt around Sivill House – towering at 19 storeys – into the rose garden and shrubbery. Here a recently installed memorial **(10)** – fringed by pansies, lavender and poppy wreaths – commemorates the 45 people who lost their lives when a Blitz bomb penetrated the Columbia Market air raid shelter.

From Ravenscroft Park there are glimpses through the trees to the Dorset Estate and children's playground.

Columbia Road is famed for its Sunday flower market. Take time to explore the shops – on the first stretch there's Vintage Heaven, Pot Luck and Angela Flanders' perfumery – before following Ravenscroft Street. No 98 occupies a former dairy shed, and here you're on the edge of the Jesus Hospital Estate, some 350 neat terraced cottages built in the 1860s.

Cross Wellington Row and head through the archway at Lygon House. Bethnal Green Academy **(11)** occupies the former Daniel Street School, together with a modern extension alongside.

Further on, in the estate garden, pause by Franta Belsky's sculpture The Lesson **(12)**, in which a mother tenderly supports a boy taking his first steps.

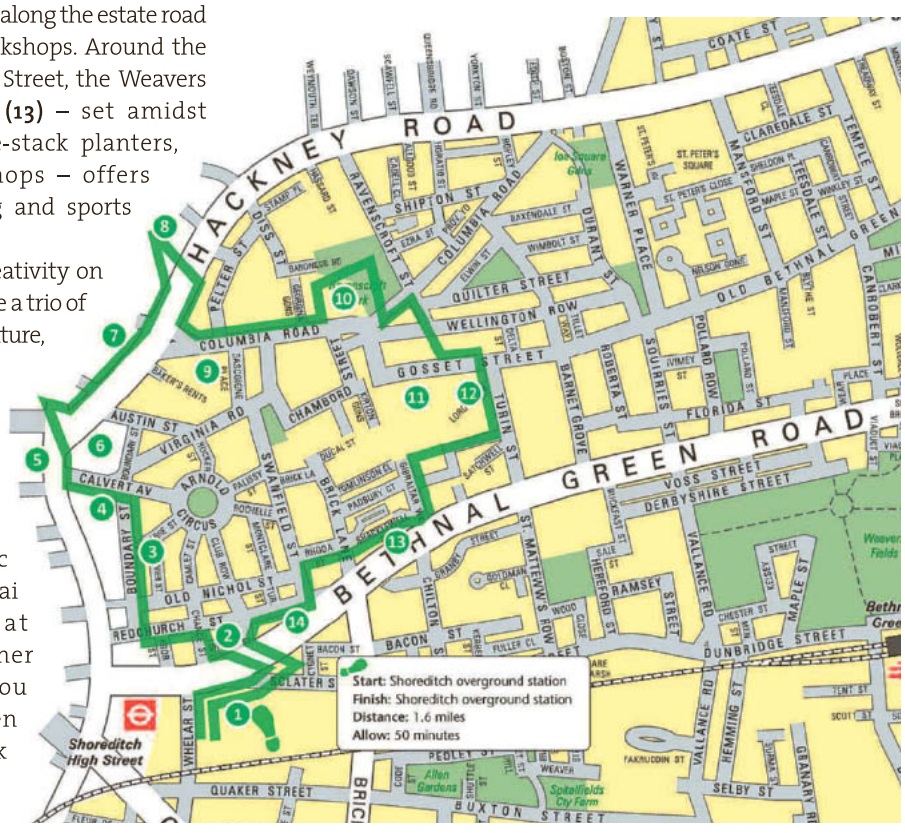
Further along Turin Street – by the Front Line youth project – cut along the estate road to Gibraltar Walk workshops. Around the corner in Shacklewell Street, the Weavers Community Forum **(13)** – set amidst vegetable beds, tyre-stack planters, climbing ivy and hops – offers employment training and sports activities.

There's plenty of creativity on upper Brick Lane, where a trio of shops sell laser-cut furniture, fashionable hats and Perspex jewellery.

Back on Redchurch Street, sharks, puffer fish, sea anemones and corals come together in a psychedelic mural by Louis Masai on the rear wall at Rich Mix **(14)**. Further street art awaits you on Club Row: Citizen Kane's Portal – a black and red polymer clay sculpture – and interlocking hands by James Bullough.

Just beyond Barber and Parlour – a cafe, nail bar and cinema – look back to Ben Eine's giant circus-style letters spelling out Old London. And, finally, Jimmy C's drip and daub portraits – a hoodie boy and bubble girl – stare out from Whitby Street.

From here it's a short stroll back to Shoreditch station, the end of your walk.



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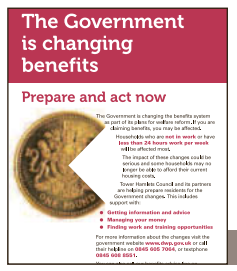
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Council information

Tower Hamlets forward planner

TOWER Hamlets Council produces a forward plan every month detailing the key decisions it will take, together with the details of the author, and consultation undertaken. It can be found in Idea Stores, libraries, One Stop Shops and council offices or at www.tower hamlets. gov.uk/data/ your-council/data/forward-plan/forward-plan.cfm

Meetings

Monday, October 26

7pm: Inner North East London joint health overview & scrutiny committee

Committee Rooms, 2nd floor, West Wing, Guildhall, Gresham Street, EC2P 2EJ. Business includes reports on the Barts Health NHS Trust improvement plan and transforming services together.

For details call Jarlath O'Connell on 8356 3309 or email Jarlath.OConnell@hackney.gov.uk

Tuesday, October 27

6.30pm: Licensing sub-committee

Items for consideration include an application for a premises licence for Straight and Narrow, Unit 2, Adriatic Building, 45 Narrow Street, E14 and an application to review the premises licence for Mem Saheb on Thames, 65-67 Amsterdam Road, E14.

For details call Simmi Yesmin on 7364 4120, or email simmi.yesmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, October 28

7pm: Development committee

Planning applications include installation of a cash machine at 42-44 Aberfeldy Street, E14, removal and re-siting of Royal London Hospital war memorial plaque from within the former ground-floor foyer of the old building to the wall of the Stepney Way public atrium in the new building; and works at Lansbury Lawrence School, Cordelia Street, E14.

For details Zoe Folley on 7364 4877, or email zoe.folley@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Details are accurate at time of going to press. Agendas are available online a week before meetings, which are at the Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG, except cabinet.

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Planning

E1W

Flat 13, Pelican Wharf, 58 Wapping Wall – replace existing French doors with sliding doors on south elevation.

E1

Land at Fakruddin Street and Pedley Street – details of contaminated land validation report of planning permission, ref: PA/12/0228.

103 Redmans Road – two-storey extension.

Block D, Seth Court, 23 Parmiter Street – change configuration, layout and use of some rooms of planning permission, ref: PA/14/03614.

64-66 Bethnal Green Road – removal of 4 existing door leafs to be replaced by new, full-height glazing panels to match existing.

89 Cheshire Street – first- and second-floor rear extension to existing residential property.

251-253 Commercial Road – retrospective application to retain air-conditioning units enclosed with timber cladding and a green wall at first-floor level; wall-mounted air-conditioning units and enclosures at first-floor level; altered ground-floor layout incorporating ancillary cafe; and revised retail frontage.

34-40 White Church Lane and 29-31 Commercial Road – demolition of existing buildings and erection of a ground-floor, plus 18 upper-storey building of flexible use commercial space at ground floor and 42 residential units above with basement, new public realm, cycle parking and all associated works.

31-33 Nelson Street – rear extension to ground and second floors to provide additional commercial and residential accommodation. Additional storey to provide 2 new apartments, 1 x 1-bed, 3 x 2-bed and 2 x 3-bed, plus cycle and waste storage.

52 Commercial Road – details of construction management plan of planning permission, ref: PA/15/00621.

E3

458 Old Ford Road – installation of new emergency escape stair (externally) and creation of new escape door from first floor.

Watts Grove Depot, Glaucus Street – details of water impact study, drainage strategy and highways improvement works of planning permission, ref: PA/14/02585.

4 Driffield Road – first-floor extension over existing upper-ground-floor rear addition, including 2 x roof lights, external doors to ground floor side rear elevation, enlargement of existing storage building and installation of 1 x roof light to main existing roof.

34 Copperfield Road – conversion of first floor to provide 1 x 2-bed flat and 1 x 3-bed flat.

E14

396 Manchester Road – rear extension.

47 Cold Harbour – extension and loft conversion from a 2-storey, 2-bed house to create a 3-storey, 4-bed house.

8 Da Gama Place – single-storey rear and side extension.

The Aberfeldy Tavern, 26 Aberfeldy Street – details of lifetime home's audit of planning permission, ref: PA/11/01505.

Site bounded by Limehouse Cut and St Annes Row and Commercial Road, St Anne Street – details of living roofs of planning permission, ref: PA/14/02310.

E9

129 Cadogan Terrace – details of materials and window reveal details, screening to terraces & balconies and screening to refuse & recycling provision of planning permission, ref: PA/14/01731.

Rubbish collection charge scrapped

RESIDENTS will no longer be charged by the council to have large or bulky waste items taken away.

The decision has been made to scrap the £15 introduced in 2012 to help alleviate problems with fly-tipping across the borough.

Each household is therefore now entitled to two free collections per year – with up to five items taken away by the council's Clean Team per collection.

Formerly only residents in receipt of housing benefit were entitled to free collections.

All residents can arrange for bulky or large waste to be collected by calling the Streetline Team on 7364 5004.

Drug treatment providers

Community Drug Team

Substitute prescribing, key working, health screening & referral to residential treatment.
71 Johnson Street, E1.
7790 1344
www.lifeline.org.uk

Nafas

Support with a focus on Bangladeshi community.
The Davenant Centre, 179-181 Whitechapel Road, E1
7377 0676.

Harbour Recovery Centre

In-patient detox for 18+ males.
Riverside House, 4th Floor, 20 Garford Street, E14.
7538 9421

Young People's Service

Treatment for under-19s
Unit 26, Skyline Village, Limeharbour, E14.
3069 7878
www.lifeline.org.uk

Isis

For women aged over 18
c/o Hopetown Hostel, 60 Old Montague Street, E1.
7426 0399
www.compass-uk.org

Community Alcohol Team

Unit 22, Skylines Village Limeharbour, E14.
0800 008 7200
www.rapt.org.uk

Somali Substance Misuse

Help, advice & referral for people with khat, alcohol or drug issues. Contact Idriis Elmi.
Mind in Tower Hamlets & Newham, Open House
13 Whitethorn Street, E3.
7510 1081

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Please refer any queries regarding the traffic restriction to David Pryce, Network Coordinator, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 26th October 2015

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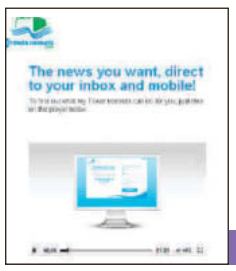

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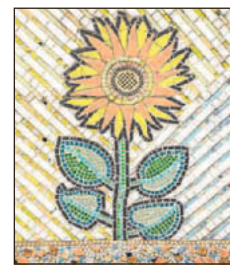

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Last week's photo was of a mosaic at Osmani School, Vallance Road, E1.

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Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, E14 2BG.
7364 5000

Hotline numbers

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Council tax – 7364 5002
Parking services – 7364 5003
Streetline – 7364 5004
Adult social care – 7364 5005
Children's services – 7364 5006
Pest and noise nuisance – 7364 5007
Employment & skills service (Skillsmatch) – 7364 3727
Environmental health, trading standards & licensing – 7364 5008
Planning & development – 7364 5009
Business rates – 7364 5010
Recruitment line – 7364 5011
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Healthline – 7364 5016
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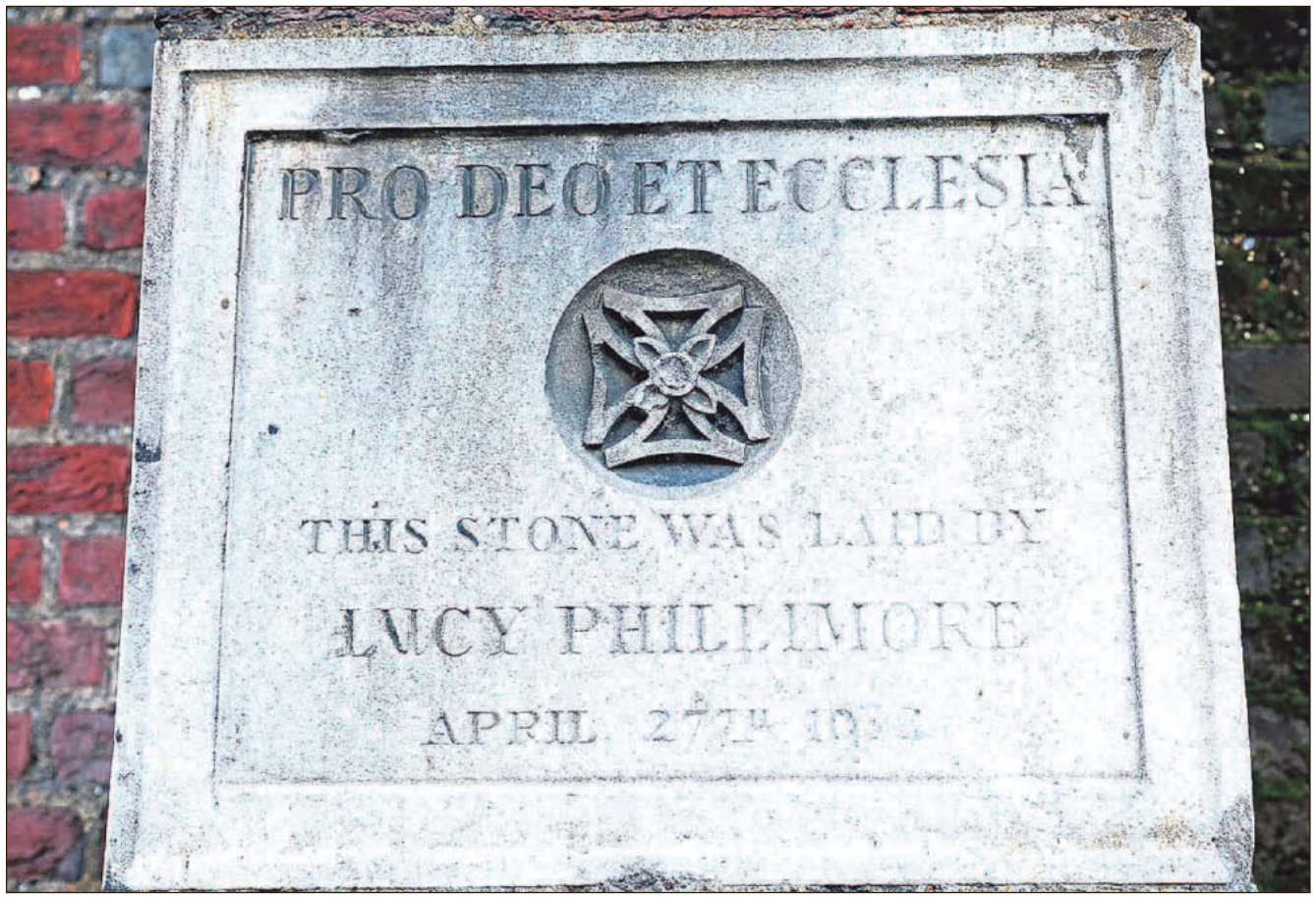

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Report it!

To report an incident, use these 24-hour freephone numbers:
Non-emergency crimes – 101
Textphone – 18001 101

If a crime is in progress, there is an emergency or if anyone is in immediate danger dial 999.

The council's domestic violence team can provide information, signposting and referrals to local services. Bengali speakers available 0800 279 5434 (office hours)

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Tower Hamlets Mediation Service offers confidential and impartial advice with neighbour conflict
Free service for council tenants and leaseholders. 7702 8305

Trading standards
Consumer Direct: 08454 040506

Walk-in services

One Stop Shops
Bethnal Green – 1 Rushmead, off Bethnal Green Road, E2
Bow & North Poplar – John Onslow House, 1 Ewart Place, E3
South Poplar – 15 Market Square, Chrisp Street, E14
Stepney & Wapping – Idea Store Watney Market, 260 Commercial Road, E1.
Open Mon-Fri, 9am, doors close at 4.30pm. Sat, 9am, doors close 12.30pm at Rushmead and Idea Store Watney Market only.

Idea Stores

Bow – Gladstone Place, E3.
Canary Wharf – Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, E14.
Chrisp Street – Vesey Path, E14.
Whitechapel – 321 Whitechapel Road, E1. 7364 4332
Watney Market – Commercial E1. 7364 4332
All open: Mon to Thurs, 9am-9pm; Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 9am-5pm. Sundays – Bow and Chrisp Street open, 10am-4pm; Whitechapel, 11am-5pm; and Canary Wharf, 12-6pm.

Libraries

Bethnal Green – Cambridge Heath Road, E2. 8980 3902
Cubitt Town – Strattondale Street, E14. 7987 3152
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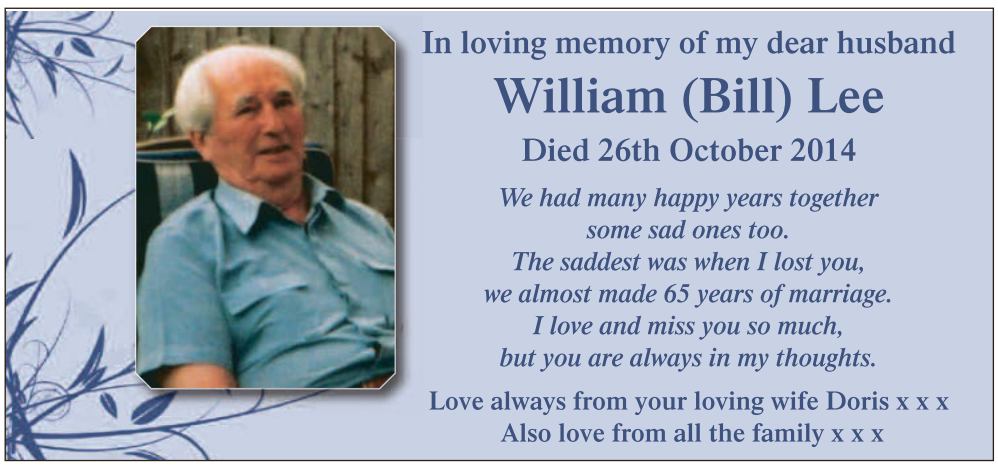
Local History Library and Archives – 277 Bancroft Road, E1. Open Tues, 10am-5pm; Weds, 9am-5pm; Thurs, 9am-8pm; Sat (1st & 3rd of the month), 9am-5pm. 7364 1290; email localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk



Price of fame

Vincent Price known for his distinctive voice, was in over 100 films.

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In the bleak mid-winter

Voices of the Winter Hearth is a re-imagining of the cold season through the minds of our ancestors, trying to make sense of their world gripped by the harshness of winter.

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Out & about guide

What's on where this week

Dance

Ballroom/Latin American
Fri, 1.45-3.45pm, £5, free refreshments. No beginners.
Kingsley Hall, Powis Road, E3.
8550 1392

Brazilian dance aerobic classes
Weds 9-10am & Thurs, 1-2pm. Free.
Alpha Grove Centre, Isle of Dogs, E14
7538 1714

Energize4Girlz
South African gumboot dancing. Every other Saturday from 11am-12:30pm.
St Pauls Shadwell Church, 302 The Highway, E1.
energize4girlzdance@gmail.com

Green Candle Senior Dance
Over-60s, no experience is necessary. Tues, 10.30am-12.30pm, one free taster session.
Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2.
7739 7722

Salsa
For dancers of all experience, beginners welcome, followed by dancing until midnight. Prices vary. Free first class for ladies.
Every Weds, 7.30-9.30pm.
The Urban Bar, 176 Whitechapel Road, E1.
07932 658861

Swing Dance
All ability levels welcome.
Every Fri, 7-9pm.
£7 per person or £10 for a couple.
The Hall, St Margaret's House, 21 Old Ford Road, E2.
8980 2092

Comedy

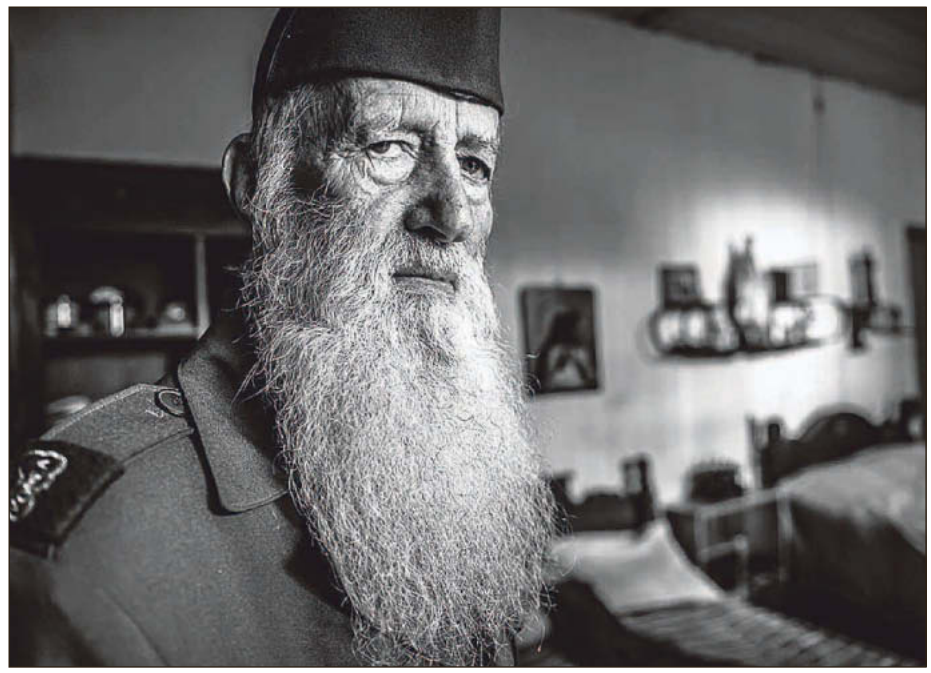
Namedroppers
Comedy interviews and audience Q&As with household comic names.
Bobby Davro, Weds, Nov 4.
Barry Cryer, Sun, Nov 8.
Paul Chowdhry, Weds, Nov 11.
All shows start at 8pm (doors open 7.30pm). £10.
Backyard Comedy Club, 231 Cambridge Heath Road, E2.
www.namedroppers.london

Events

Haunted Museum Halloween Party
Take part in Frankenstein's toy lab and weird science session. Dance along to the Dead Disco and do a workout with Miss Funnybones. Make a toothy necklace and create your own Dia de Meurtos mask.
Sat, Oct 31. 11am to 3.30pm. £15.
V&A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2.
www.vam.ac.uk

World War II Sing-a-Long
Explore the stories behind some of the most famous songs of the Second World War.
Thurs, Oct 29.
12noon-12.30pm, 2-2.30pm & 3-3.30pm. Free.
Museum of London Docklands, West India Dock Rd, E14.
www.museumoflondon.org.uk

Ice rink at Canary Wharf
Glide along on London's only skate path.
Sat, Oct 31-Sat, Feb 27, 2016. £14.95
Canada Square Park, Canary Wharf.
www.icerinktickets.co.uk



Photomonth photo-open
Exhibition around the theme of Telling Stories. Exhibitors include Cath Dupuy, Lucia Hrda, Julian Smith and Edit Zoka-Dani. The winner of Best in Show will be invited to the Sony World Photography Awards in 2016.
Nov 6-29, daily 10am-10pm.
Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1.
7613 7488
www.photomonth.org

Exhibitions

Out of the Fire
Part of Photomonth Photography Festival 2015 and coinciding with Ladybird Books centenary, Sara Hannant's photographic installation features the power of fairy tales, as female characters from Ladybird books are transformed through fire.
Nov 3-30. Mon-Fri, 9am-10pm; weekends 10am-2pm.
Oxford House Gallery, Derbyshire Street, E2.
www.oxfordhouse.org.uk

Voices of the Winter Hearth
Artistic explorations of winter in an age of superstition and folklore. A re-imagining of the cold season through the minds of our ancestors, trying to make sense of their world gripped by the harshness of winter.
Nov 5-Dec 3, selected days. Thurs 6-9pm; Sats & Suns 1-6pm. Free.
The Belfry at St John on Bethnal Green, Cambridge Health Road, E2.
www.stjohnonbethnalgreen.org

Film

Vincent Price night
Poplar Film's celebration of horror movie icon Vincent Price, hosted by the late actor's daughter Victoria and award-winning film blogger Peter Fuller. Includes UK premiere of The Unauthorized Hagiography of Vincent Price, screening of The Comedy of Terrors and Frankenweenies hotdogs.
Tues, Nov 3. 7-10pm.
Free but tickets required.
Galvanisers Union, 2 Devas Street, E3.
www.poplarfilmpresents.com

Half term

Holiday club
Discover the story of Jonah and the giant fish through singing, craft and games. Suitable years 1-6. Free drop-in cafe each morning for families.
Tues, Oct 27-Fri, Oct 30. 9.15am-12noon. Free
St Anne's Church, 5 Newell Street, E14.
7515 2486

Workshop

Knife carving
Two-hour session, covering of safe knife grips and traditional techniques in knife carving. Led by Tom, from the Green Wood Guild. Over-16s.
Sat, Nov 7. 1pm-3pm. £35.
Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, The Soanes Centre, Bow E3.
8983 1277

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The Tower Hamlets (Free Parking Places) (Disable Persons) (No.1) Order 2015 (Amendment No.4) Order 2015

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on 26th October 2015 made the above-mentioned Orders under the relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1985 and the Traffic Management Act 2004.
2. The general effect of the Orders would be to in:

   Senrab Street (Outside no. 1b) – To convert a Single Resident Parking space into a Personalised Disable Bay (622).
3. The Regulations, fees and usual exemptions imposed by the governing Traffic Management Orders would apply to the proposals referred to in paragraph 2 above.
4. A copy of each of the proposed Orders and all relevant documents can be inspected, by prior appointment, at the offices of the at the Parking Services Offices, 585-593 Commercial Road, London E10HJ (0207-364 6949), during normal office hours on Monday to Friday inclusive until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this notice is published.
5. Any person desiring to comment on or object to any of the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing or Email: Parking.development@towerhamlets.gov.uk of their objection and the grounds thereof, to the above address within the aforementioned period of 21 days.

Dated: 26th October 2015

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Exhibition offers rare tribal art insight

Jivya Soma Mashe sums up the deep feeling which animates the Warli people: "There are human beings, birds, animals, insects, and so on. Everything moves, day and night. Life is movement."

SEE BELOW

A cut above

Kirigami is the art of cutting and folding to make 3D scenes.

SEE BELOW

Out & About

Indian tribal art in V&A showcase

A NEW exhibition of Indian art comes to the V&A Museum of Childhood next month.

The Tales We Tell: Indian Warli Painting offers a rare insight into the tribal art form, which originates from western India. The show features Jivya Soma Mashe, who popularised Warli, and his follower Ramesh Hengadi, who has developed his own distinctive, modern style. Children at Redlands Primary School have joined with pupils from Dahanu, in the Thane area of the country, to use Warli art to tell each other stories about their communities.

The show is free and opens on November 14 at the museum in Cambridge Heath Road, E2.

A MAGICAL story about family, love and the power of dreams comes to the Half Moon Theatre.

A new adaptation of Snow Child tells the story of a lonely couple, who yearn for a child of their own. They build a small figure from ice and snow and wish very hard and a snow child comes to life before their eyes.

She's a girl like no other – she dances in the wild landscape, talks with animals and brings joy, fun and laughter to the whole village. But it's not easy, bringing up a wild daughter of the blizzards, as the seasons turn and winter gives way to spring and summer. Will the Snow Child and her parents find their 'happily ever after'?

The play, written by Olivier-nominated playwright Emma Reeves, is brought to life by the tutti frutti and York Theatre Royal companies.

"I wanted to write a story about unconditional love," Emma said.

"How we, wittingly or unwittingly, test the people we love – and how we try to forgive them when they fail. Above all, I thought it was a magical story. I want our audience to love the character of the Snow Child as much as I do."

Snow Child runs for two performances on Saturday, October 31 at 11am and 2pm and is suitable for children aged 3+ and their families.

All tickets cost £6 and can be booked at www.halfmoon.org.uk or by calling 7709 8900.

The Half Moon Theatre is at 43 White Horse Road, E1.

News in brief

O2 gets the blues

THE O2 will host its first ever blues festival from Friday, 6 to Sunday, November 8.

Prudential BluesFest features more than 40 artists, including Grammy-winning blues-rock group Tedeschi Trucks Band, a superstar double bill of Van Morrison and Tom Jones and British blues stalwarts Jo Harman and Matt Schofield.

Performers appearing during the daytime include Georgie Fame and Dr Feelgood.

Opening the festival on Friday, indigO2 hosts The ABC Of Blues & Soul, a celebration of female vocalists. This features Mica Paris, Lisa Stansfield and Imelda May, backed by a full orchestra, performing classic hits from the likes of Dusty Springfield, Aretha Franklin and Ella Fitzgerald.

Daytime shows are free and tickets for evenings start at £28.

Visit **www.livenation.co.uk**

Weird tales benefit from 20:20 Vision

TALES of the unexpected, unexplained and mysterious, come to The Space theatre this week.

Theatre company 20:20 Vision presents its Classified series, featuring four Hinterkaifeck by Olivia Borton; Babushka, Babushka by Matthew Grace; Unidentified by Treasa Nealon and Into Thin Air by David Shopland and Callum Hughes.

The four new plays, all by writers under the age of 30, explore strange-but-true stories and conspiracies – a president is shot by an invisible killer, a plane vanishes into thin air, and a man awakes to find The Beatles never broke up.

It runs from Tuesday to Friday, October 27-31. Performances begin at 7.30pm, with a 2.30pm Saturday matinee. Tickets cost £12/£10 conc.

The Space is at 269 Westferry Rd, E14. To book, call 7515 7799 or visit **https://space.org.uk**

Horrorgami is cutting edge Halloween fun

BY HELEN WATSON

ARTIST Marc Hagan-Guirey has his work cut out for him.

Quite literally, in the Bethnal Green author's case, as he is the UK's leading practitioner of Kirigami, the Japanese art of paper cutting and folding.

And he has now produced a book, published in time for Halloween, containing scenes for readers to have a go at themselves.

Horrorgami: 20 Gruesome Scenes to Cut and Fold features spookily intricate cutouts of horror scenes, such as pop-up versions of Dracula's castle and Frankenstein's laboratory.

It's a labour of love for the artist, who traces his fascination with horror films back to 1992 when, as a child he mistakenly tuned into the classic BBC 'mockumentary', Ghostwatch.

After a neighbour discovered him sobbing with fear on the doorstep of his house, Marc describes the programme as "the most traumatic piece of television I'd ever seen" but the rest is history.

Since then, the horror genre has become a career. In 2012, Marc left his post as head of design for a Soho advertising agency to concentrate on kirigami. Marc's first exhibition attracted attention from BBC Online, Wired, Time Out and Creative Review.

Kirigami is the art of cutting and folding a single sheet of paper to make intricate 3D scenes and no glue is allowed. The book presents 20 different scenes, each featuring step-by-step instruction, and a template that can be pulled out. With projects ranging from beginner to advanced, everybody can have a go at creating their own pop-up scene.

Horrorgami: 20 Gruesome Scenes to Cut and Fold by Marc Hagan-Guirey is published by Laurence King and costs £12.95 in paperback.

A Kirigami house of horrors in gory 3D glory

The king of cut and fold, Marc Hagan-Guirey

A night of dance

A BROMLEY by Bow pub will play host to a night of contemporary dance by female choreographers.

The Kaleidoscopic Arts Platform takes place on Tuesday, November 10 at The Galvanisers Union and features dance and a post-performance Q&A.

The show features topical, physical and experimental dance works by emerging female choreographers, including Anna-Lise Marie Dance, Lizzie J Klotz, Sarah Louise Kristiansen and Esther Siddiquie.

Co-producer Lucia Schweigert, from Bow, said: "We see a lot of women within media, film, popular culture and in the arts. But we have a lack of women's voices that show the way life looks from a woman's perspective."

Dance and visual artists Vasiliki Stasinaki and Jonna Tideman will provide the backdrop for performances.

The Galvanisers Union is at 2 Devas Street, E3. The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets, which cost £6, can be bought on the door.

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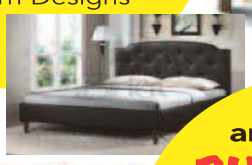

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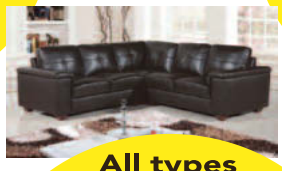

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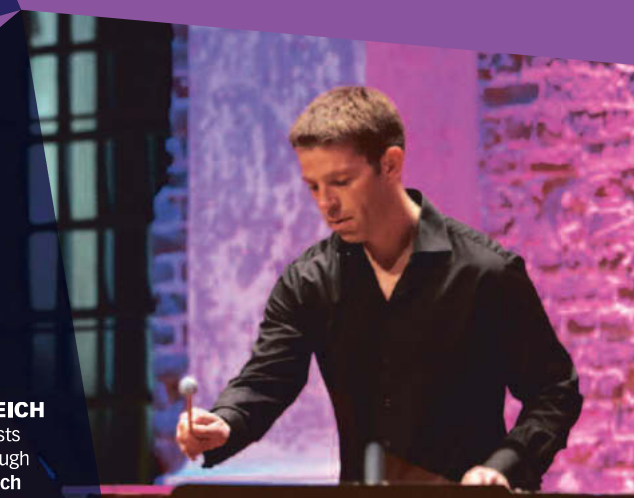

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Homeseekers

Homes available for letting are no longer published in East End Life. Should you wish to view these please visit

www.thhs.org.uk

The website provides full information for each property, real time bid positions based on your housing priority and your bidding history showing final bid positions for homes you have placed bids for. Using your bid position as a guide, you could also withdraw a bid and place it for an alternative home if this improves your chances of an offer.

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Eating out, eating in

Burgers and bangers... a match made in heaven

BY AVARICIOUS ARCHIE

THIS Sunday afternoon finds me wandering around Brick Lane and it's environs with two particular requirements.

I need a place that serves a traditional Sunday lunch and is showing the big match.

There were a couple of abortive attempts – one establishment being the subject of a major refurbishment and another specialising in Thai food.

And with time running out due to the impending kick off, I arrive at the doors of the Blind Beggar, a hostelry of some repute.

Surely I would be able to fulfil my relatively truncated wishlist here? Well, the short answer is yes and no.

Yes, they had the footy showing on a huge screen. In fact, as I walked in, the players had just walked out in procession on to the pitch.

But the Beggar – horror of horrors – no longer sells Sunday lunch.

It is now the arm of something called the Banger Brothers, famous hotdogs, real burgers and 'last but not least' sausage and chips.

The Blind Beggar has moved into fine fast food

I had to make a decision – miss the start of the game in search of my roast dinner, with no guarantee of finding one in the vicinity, or watch the game and take what was one offer?

I stayed, and I was very glad that I did.

I ordered at the bar, there being no table service here. After a slight mishap with my change, which was professionally and amiably dealt with, I moved to the far side of the bar to collect my food, which had already appeared on a tray and was awaiting me.

My food looked like two care packages, all neatly wrapped up and pristine looking. One containing my burger and the other my chips (I was heartened that they were called chips rather than fries!)

On opening, I was more than pleasantly surprised. The chips were delightful, crisp on the outside and light and fluffy on the inside. They were worth the trip on their own with a dip of mayonnaise and tommy ketchup.

My fat burger was in a brioche bun with melted cheese and all the trimmings.

And if good dining involves engaging all the senses, then it was one nil to Banger Bros.

The bun felt light and airy and tasted fantastic. The meat was well seasoned, good medium rare and juicy, with the crunch of the gherkin.

And Arsenal won too. What could be better?

Burger, chips and pint of diet coke came to £12.75. I will return soon to try the hotdogs.

■ **Banger Bros at the Blind Beggar is at 337 Whitechapel Rd, E1. Tel: 7247 6195. www.theblindbeggar.com/menu.pdf**

Well preserved

WITH winter fast approaching the fruits of the crab apple tree here at Stepney start to mature and are great for making a preserved jelly to use as a condiment to your roasts, with cheese or just spread on a nice piece of wholemeal toast.

Steve's Stepney crab apple jelly

Ingredients

Crab apples
Lemon, ginger and cinammon (or any other flavours you can think of)
Sugar

Method

1. Wash the apples, removing any bruised fruit. Put in a saucepan, fill with water to just cover the apples and add any additional natural flavour. For ours in the café, I added half a lemon, some cinnamon and a little ginger for spice.

2. Bring to the boil and simmer until the fruit is soft (about 30 minutes).

3. Pour the pulp into a jelly bag or several layers of muslin and let drip overnight into a pan.

4. The next day, measure the juice, and add sugar in the ratio of 10 parts juice to 7 of sugar. Bring to the boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar.

5. Keep at a rolling boil for 40 minutes, skimming off the froth. To test the set, chill a dessertspoon in the refrigerator.

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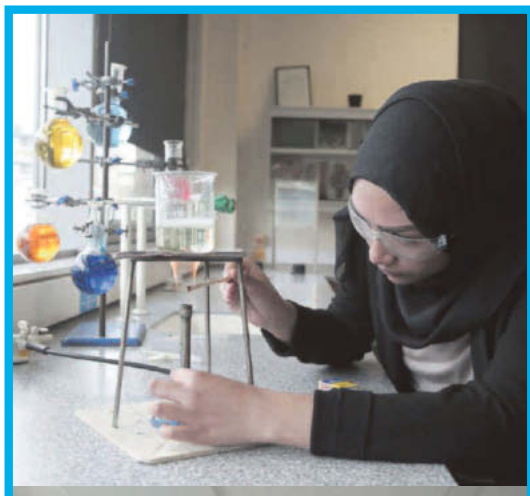

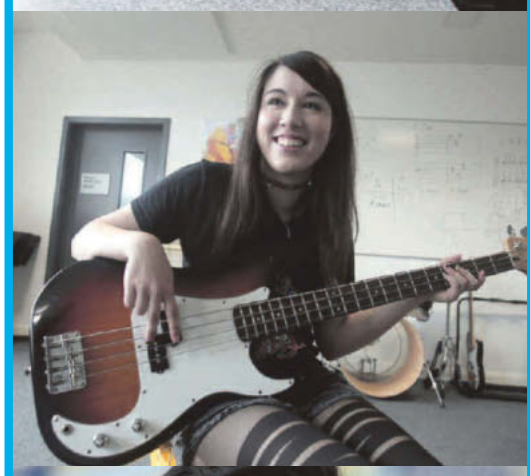

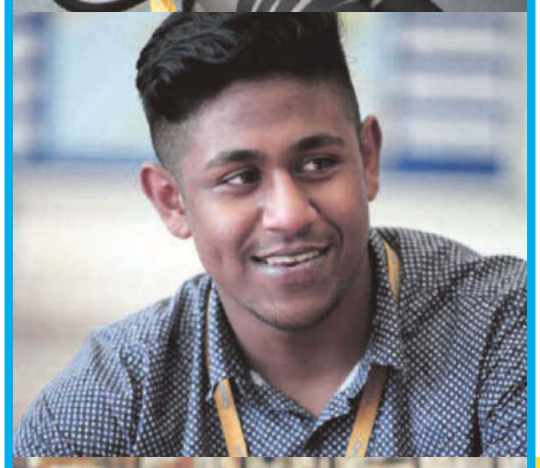

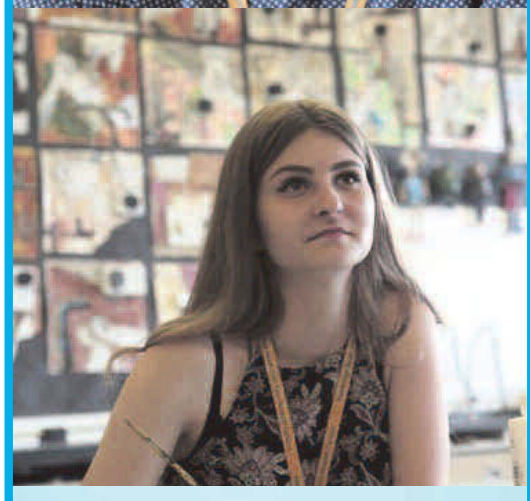

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4 SEN TEACHING ASSISTANTS Required from 16th November 2015

Full Time, fixed term temporary contracts until July 2016

Higher Level Teaching Assistant with 3 days Team Leader responsibility Term time only **Salary:** NJC Scale 6 (Mon-Weds) Scale 2 (Thurs, Fri)

Home School Liaison Specialist TA, Bengali Speaker Term time only (35 hours per week) **Salary:** NJC Scale 3

KS5 Pre-Entry Specialist TA
Term time only (35 hours per week)
Salary: NJC Scale 3

Teaching Assistant
Term time only (28.5 hours per week)
Salary: NJC Scale 2

The school is seeking to appoint four Teaching Assistants (full time) for the Support for Learning Faculty. The successful applicants will have a specific area of responsibility to provide the appropriate support for students' learning needs. Experience of working with young people and an interest in Special Needs is essential. Post holders will work using multi-sensory techniques with groups or individuals some of whom have severe and complex needs.

Applicants should possess good ICT, communication, literacy & numeric skills, and have at least GCSE Level C in maths and English and NVQ 3 (or equivalent).

The school is committed to the support and professional development of all staff.

Applications forms and further details are available from the school. CVs are not accepted. Successful candidates will be subject to DBS check.

Completed application forms must be returned to the School by: 4pm on Monday 9th November 2015. Please specify for which role or roles you are applying.

Interviews will take place for shortlisted candidates in November 2015.

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Career Opportunities

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We shall ensure fairness and equal opportunities throughout our workforce and in service delivery. We welcome applications from suitably skilled candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality, religion or age.

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Place of work: Liverpool Street, E1 7HW
Hours: 8am - 4pm, school term time only (39 weeks/year) – alternative hours may be negotiated
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If you are interested, contact Nina on 01275 331 230

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – GOWERS WALK E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, having consulted with Transport for London, propose to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering or proceeding, the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Gowers Walk, for a distance of approximately 50 metres between its junction with Hooper Street and its junction with Commercial Road;

Reason: To allow essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Mc Nicholas Construction;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Hooper's Street, Back Church Lane (northbound), Commercial Road and Gowers Walk and vice versa;

Period: From Monday 16th November 2015 to Friday 27th November 2015.

Throughout the duration of the works and at times when the "no entry" and "one way" traffic signs are covered the existing one way working in Gowers Walk approximately 30 metres, south, from its junction with Commercial Road will be temporarily suspended.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to John Parsons, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6680 or email, john.parsons@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 26th October 2015

SIMON BAXTER
INTERIM SERVICE HEAD, PUBLIC REALM
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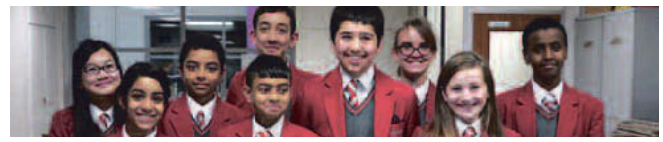

Midday Meals Supervisor

5 hours per week • Term time only
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Do you enjoy working with young people? This is an ideal opportunity to be part of a professional team of midday staff who supervise the dining and recreation facilities at this busy secondary school. You will start work at 12:40pm each day during term time.

To apply, please go to: www.teshirewire.com/SwanleaSchool/E15DJ and send your completed application form to officeadmin@swanlea.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Closing date: 9.00am on 6th November 2015.

Swanlea School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and references.

Gawber Street,
Bethnal Green,
London E2 OJH
www.globeschool.org.uk
020 8980 1738

Globe Primary School

2 SCALE 4 TEACHING ASSISTANTS REQUIRED

Globe school is a happy, inclusive and very successful primary school in the heart of Bethnal Green in East London with a specialist provision for children with speech, language and communication needs. We have a 45 place reception and a 38 place nursery.

We are looking to appoint the following to start in January 2016:

1 SCALE 4 TEACHING ASSISTANT FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SUPPORT

To work within our 30 place Additionally Resourced Provision for Children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs.

Candidates must have:

- significant experience of working as a teaching assistant within a primary school (at least 5 years);
- significant experience of working with children with speech language and communication needs;
- training in speech and language from a speech therapist;
- exemplary spoken and written English;
- the ability to successfully teach early reading skills in a vibrant and exciting manner, recent experience of teaching the Read, Write Inc. programme is desirable but not essential.

1 SCALE 4 RECEPTION TEACHING ASSISTANT

To work within our Reception Class.

Candidates must have:

- significant experience of working as a teaching assistant within a reception or Year 1 class (at least 5 years);
- exemplary spoken and written English;
- the ability to successfully teach early reading skills in a vibrant and exciting manner, recent experience of teaching the Read, Write Inc. programme is desirable but not essential;
- a developed understanding of how young children learn.

For an information pack and application form, please contact Jacqy Rogers by email at office@globe.towerhamlets.sch.uk or telephone 020 8980 1738.

Closing date: Friday 13th November at 12 noon

Come and join us.

Globe School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will undertake an enhanced criminal record check via the Criminal Records Bureau.

We welcome applications from suitably skilled candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality, religion or age.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990, SECTIONS 10, 67 AND 73

APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD IN THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A CONSERVATION AREA OR WOULD AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING.

1 Virginia Street, London, E98 1XY **PA/15/2806/LYM**
Retrospective application to display 2 x non-illuminated fascia tray signs and 3 x non-illuminated wall mounted directional signs on the north elevation of Pennington Street Warehouse.

Flat 521, Manhattan Building, Fairfield Road, London, E3 2UP **PA/15/2794/CHG**
Application for listed building consent in respect of new bathroom (replacement of bath, toilet and sink) as well as other cosmetic alternations (i.e. new paint and tiles).

The Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1BB **PA/15/2774/AHU**
Application for variation of condition no. 1 (temporary time period) of planning permission dated 26/10/2010, ref: PA/09/02608 for the retention of a temporary car park for a further 2 year period.

89 Cheshire Street, London **PA/15/2721/ADH**
Erection of first and second floor rear extension, to existing residential property.

Land at the corner of Royal Mint Street and Mansell Street (Site known as Block A) **PA/15/2773/KH**
Erection of a part 11 and part 12 storey building, consisting of the provision of 196 residential units on the first to eleventh floors, 796sqm of retail floor space on the ground floor and 2341sqm of commercial floor space based on the first and second floors. Creation of new public open space, new pedestrian link and new access to DLR (Tower Gateway station), including associated landscaping works, parking provision, secured cycle storage areas, refuse and servicing and plant areas.

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment.

White Swan, 556 Commercial Road, London, E14 7JD **PA/15/916/JTH**
Application for advertisement consent to display 1x illuminated sign.

250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA **PA/15/2782/HHA**
Installation of emergency egress required from cradle on North facade over generators.

1 Dock Street, London, E1 8JN **PA/15/2778/DHA**
Retention of existing unauthorised shop front.

58 Redchurch Street, London, E2 7DP **PA/15/2765/HHA**
The proposed signage is for three hanging signs to advertise 2 different retail units.

2 Brick Lane, London, E1 6RF **PA/15/2766/SEA**
Application for advertisement consent for the installation of an illuminated advertisement banner with scaffold for a temporary period of 218 days.

57 Roman Road, London, E2 0QN **PA/15/2755/ZAP**
Alterations to existing shopfront to create separate access to the upper floor and a door to provide direct street access to a new refuse storage facility.

The following are householder applications and in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about these applications will be sent to the secretary of state, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

4 Driffield Road, London, E3 5NF **PA/15/2825/HDH**
First floor extension over existing upper ground floor rear addition including 2x roof lights, installation of external doors to ground floor side rear elevation, enlargement of existing storage building, installation of 1x roof light to main existing roof.

106 Old Ford Road, London, E2 9PW **PA/15/2606/HDH**
Replacement of 4 no. single glazed timber windows at the rear of the property with double glazed timber windows of the same design.

39 Zealand Road, London, E3 5RA **PA/15/2777/HAM**
Full refurbishment of existing house. Demolition of existing closet wing and construction of new full width lower ground extension and extensions at ground and first floor. Installation of new rooflights.

47 Cold Harbour, London, E14 9NS **PA/15/2830/CSK**
Extension and loft conversion to a 2-storey 2-bedroom house to create a 3-storey 4-bedroom house.

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated: 26th October 2015

OWEN WHALLEY
Head of Planning and Building Control

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15(3) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Proposed development at:
Land at the corner of Royal Mint Street and Mansell Street (Site known as Block A), E1 **Reference: PA/15/02773**

Notice is given that Rolfe Judd Planning on behalf of RMS (England) Ltd are applying to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for:

Erection of a part 11 and part 12 storey building, consisting of the provision of 196 residential units on the first to eleventh floors, 796sqm of retail floor space on the ground floor and 2341sqm of commercial floor space based on the first and second floors. Creation of new public open space, new pedestrian link and new access to DLR (Tower Gateway station), including associated landscaping works, parking provision, secured cycle storage areas, refuse and servicing and plant areas.

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Copies of the application, plans, environmental statement and all other documents may be inspected between the hours of 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Office, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Rolfe Judd Planning, Old Church Court, Claylands Road, London, SW8 1NZ, Telephone: 020 7556 1500 so long as stocks last. (Price on application)

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to this application should do so in writing, within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Head of Planning at the Planning Office address above.

Dated 26th October 2015

OWEN WHALLEY
Head of Planning & Building Control

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It could affect YOU! You should always take note of a public notice. It is a legal notice to inform the public of a change that could affect them short term or on a permanent basis. It could be anything from a change to a building to the construction of a building. It could be a notice of insolvency of a company you have dealings with or the closure of a footpath you regularly use. **TAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICES!**

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS (BLACKWALL REACH) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2013

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 226(1)(a)

The Acquisition of Land Act 1981

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in exercise of his powers under the above Acts, on 20 August 2015 confirmed the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (Blackwall Reach) Compulsory Purchase Order 2013 (subject to modification) submitted by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

2. The order as confirmed provides for the purchase for the purposes of facilitating the carrying out of development, redevelopment and improvement of the area for the provision of new residential dwellings, retail, office and community uses, extended school, replacement Mosque, energy centre, improved open space and play facilities, landscaping, new bus terminus and car parking. These uses are all likely to contribute to achieving the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the area of the land described in the Schedule hereto.

3. A copy of the order as confirmed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and of the map referred to therein have been deposited at the Council's offices Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG and may be seen at all reasonable hours.

4. The order as confirmed becomes operative on the date on which this Notice is first published. A person aggrieved by the order may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks from that date, challenge its validity under Section 23 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981. The grounds for challenge can be that the authorisation granted by the order is not empowered to be granted or that there has been a failure to comply with any relevant statutory requirement relating to the order.

SCHEDULE

LAND COMPRISED IN THE ORDER AS CONFIRMED

LAND TO BE ACQUIRED:

1. Land including, residential buildings, flats and/or other dwellings and garages at Blackwall Reach principally consisting of 1 – 214 Robin Hood Gardens, 1-22 Anderson House, 2-10 Woolmore Street (evens only), 1-11 Mackrow Walk, 304, 306-314, 316 and 318 Poplar High Street, one transformer chamber and one electricity substation together with the land and roads within the vicinity of those buildings, **except those interests owned by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and some interests owned by Transport for London.**

Signed: Melanie Clay, Director of Law Probity & Governance and Monitoring Officer on behalf of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Dated: 26 October 2015

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION

STATEMENT OF EFFECT OF PARTS II AND III OF THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS (BLACKWALL REACH) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2013

PART 1

Power to make general vesting declaration

1. The London Borough of Tower Hamlets (hereinafter called "the Council") may acquire any of the land described in the Schedule above (excluding 168 and 201 Robin Hood Gardens) by making a general vesting declaration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981. This has the effect, subject to paragraph 4 below, of vesting the land in the Council at the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 2 below. A declaration may not be made before the end of a period of two months from the first publication of a notice which includes this statement except with the consent in writing of every occupier of the land affected.

Notices concerning general vesting declaration

2. As soon as may be after the Council make a general vesting declaration, they must serve notice of it on every occupier of any of the land specified in the declaration (except land where there is one of the tenancies described in paragraph 3) and on every person who gives them information relating to the land in pursuance of the invitation contained in any notice. When the service of notices of the general vesting declaration is completed, a further period begins to run. This period, which must not be less than 28 days, will be specified in the declaration. On the first day after the end of this period ("the vesting date") the land described in the declaration will, subject to what is said in paragraph 4, vest in the Council together with the right to enter on the land and take possession of it. Every person on whom the Council could have served a notice to treat in respect of his interest in the land (other than a tenant under one of the tenancies described in paragraph 3) will be entitled to claim compensation for the acquisition of his interest in the land, with interest on the compensation from the vesting date.

Modifications with respect to certain tenancies

3. In the case of certain tenancies, the position stated above is subject to modifications. The modifications apply where the tenancy is either a "minor tenancy" i.e. a tenancy for a year or a yearly tenancy or a lesser interest, or "a long tenancy which is about to expire". The latter expression means a tenancy granted for an interest greater than a minor tenancy but having on the vesting date a period still to run which is not more than the period specified in the declaration for this purpose (which must not be more than a year). In calculating how long a tenancy has still to run, where an option to renew or to terminate it is available to either party, it shall be assumed that the landlord will take every opportunity open to him to terminate the tenancy while the tenant will use every opportunity to retain or renew his interest.

4. The modifications are that the Council may not exercise the right of entry referred to in paragraph 2 in respect of land subject to a tenancy described in paragraph 3 unless they first serve a notice to treat in respect of the tenancy and then serve every occupier of the land with a notice of their intention to enter and take possession after the period (not less than 14 days from the service of the notice) specified in the notice. The right of entry will be exercisable at the end of that period. The vesting of the land will be subject to the tenancy until the end of that period or until the tenancy comes to an end, whichever happens first.

Signed: Melanie Clay, Director of Law Probity & Governance and Monitoring Officer on behalf of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Dated: 26 October 2015

Invitation to Give Information

Every person who, if a general vesting declaration were made in respect of all of the land comprised in the Order (other than land in respect of which notice to treat has been given), would be entitled to compensation in respect of any such land, is invited to give information to the Council by making the declaration in the prescribed form with respect to his name and address and the land in question.

The relevant prescribed form is set out below.

PART 2(a)

Form for Giving Information

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS (BLACKWALL REACH) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2013

From:

To: **The London Borough of Tower Hamlets**

[I] [We] being [a person] [persons] who, if a general vesting declaration were made under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 in respect of the land comprised in the compulsory purchase order cited above in respect of which notice to treat has not been given, would be entitled to claim compensation in respect of [all] [part of] that land, give you the following information, pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of that Act.

1. Name and address of informant(s) (i) .....

   .....

2. Land in which an interest is held by informant(s) (ii) .....

   .....

3. Nature of interest (iii) .....

   .....

   Signed .....

   On behalf of .....

   Date .....

   (i) In the case of a joint interest insert the names and addresses of all the informants.

   (ii) The land should be described concisely.

   (iii) If the interest is leasehold, the date of commencement and length of term should be given. If the land is subject to a mortgage or other in-cumbrance, details should be given, e.g. name or building society and roll number.'

Please send completed Information Form to:

Hannah Yexley
Ardent
Level 30
40 Bank Street
London E14 5NR

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

MAJOR APPLICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 13(4)) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010 AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:-

Land at the corner of Royal Mint Street and Mansell Street (Site known as Block A) **PA/15/2773/KH**

Erection of a part 11 and part 12 storey building, consisting of the provision of 196 residential units on the first to eleventh floors, 796sqm of retail floor space on the ground floor and 2341sqm of commercial floor space based on the first and second floors.Creation of new public open space, new pedestrian link and new access to DLR (Tower Gateway station), including associated landscaping works, parking provision, secured cycle storage areas, refuse and servicing and plant areas.

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment.

34-40 White Church Lane and 29-31 Commercial Road, London, E1 **PA/15/2527/GGW**

Demolition of existing buildings at 34-40 White Church Lane and 29-31 Commercial Road and erection of a ground floor plus 18 upper storey building (75.5m AOD metre) with basement to provide 155sqm (NIA) of flexible use commercial space (B1/A1/A3 Use Class) at ground floor and 42 residential units (C3 Use Class) above with basement, new public realm, cycle parking and all associated works.

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated 26th October 2015

OWEN WHALLEY
Head of Planning & Building Control

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THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – MANILLA STREET E14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets made an Order, to prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition;

Location: Manilla Street between its junction with Westferry Road and its junction with Tobago Street;

Reason: To allow essential works to be carried out on the public highway by AGILITY;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Cuba Street, Tobago Street and Manilla Street and vice versa;

Period: From Monday 2nd November 2015 to Friday 6th November 2015.

Throughout the duration of the works, and at times when the "No Entry", "One Way", "Right Turn" and "Left Turn" traffic signs are covered, the existing one way working will be temporarily suspended in:

a) Cuba Street between its junction with Westferry Road and its junction with Tobago Street;

b) Tobago Street between its junction with Cuba Street and its junction with Manilla Street.

Please refer any queries regarding the restriction to John Parsons, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6680 or email, john.parsons@ towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 26th October 2015

SIMON BAXTER
INTERIM SERVICE HEAD
PUBLIC REALM
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5 CLOVE CRESCENT
LONDON E14 2BG

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – PINCHIN STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Pinchin Street between its junction with Stutfield Street and its junction with Christian Street;

Reason: To restriction on vehicular traffic will enable essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Network Rail;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Christian Street, Ellen Street and Stutfield Street and vice versa;

Period: From Monday 16th November 2015 to Sunday 28th February 2016.

Refer any queries regarding the above traffic restrictions to Dave Pryce, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email david.pryce@ towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 26th October 2015

SIMON BAXTER
INTERIM SERVICE HEAD,
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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC & TEMPORARY BANNED TURNS – OLD BETHNAL GREEN ROAD E2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from the following temporary prohibition:

Location:

- Entering, stopping or proceeding Old Bethnal Green Road between its junction with Cambridge Heath Road and its junction with Poyser Street;
- Turning left or turning right from Cambridge Heath Road into Old Bethnal Green Road.

Reason: To allow essential detailed railway bridge inspection to be carried out on the public highway by Network Rail;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Old Bethnal Green Road, Warner Place, Hackney Road and Cambridge Heath Road and vice versa;

Period: From Monday 16th November 2015 to Thursday 31st March 2016.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to David Pryce, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email, david.pryce@ towerhamlets.gov.uk

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Notice Of Application For Planning Permission

Under Article 15 Of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 The Town And Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Date of notice: 26-Oct-2015

In accordance with the above act and related legislation, notice is hereby given that the application forms, plans and other documents submitted in relation to the proposal noted below may be examined at the London Legacy Development Corporation reception Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfichet Road, London E20 1EJ. The reception is open from 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday by appointment only telephone number **020 3288 8820**. The above documents are also available to view and/or download from the Planning Register on the Planning Policy and Decisions Team website http://planningregister.londonlegacy.co.uk. **Anyone who wishes to make comments about the application should write to the address below quoting the relevant Application Reference Number:** Director of Planning Policy and Decisions Team, London Legacy Development Corporation, Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfitchet Road, London E20 1EJ. Alternatively comments can be made by email to: planningenquiries@londonlegacy.co.uk. Comments should be submitted within **21 days** of the date of this notice and should be received by **15-Nov-2015**.

Application Reference No: 15/00476/REM **Application Site:** Land to the east of Hancock Road and west of the River Lea Navigation, Bromley by Bow, E3 **Description of Proposal:** Application for the Approval of Reserved Matters for the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of a development block comprising 112 residential units, basement car park, landscaping and associated works submitted pursuant to conditions A3 (Time Limits) and C1 (Reserved Matters – Layout, Scale, Appearance and Landscaping), and the submission of details pursuant to conditions C7 (Daylight and Sunlight), C9 (Highway Design) and C31 (Surface Water Drainage) of planning permission reference PA/11/02423/LBTH dated 27th September 2012 as varied by planning permission reference 13/00176/VAR dated 24 June 2013. **Applicant's name:** Southern Housing Group **Dated:** 26-Oct-2015; **Authorised by:** Anthony Hollingsworth **On Behalf of:** London Legacy Development Corporation, Planning Policy and Decisions Team.

LONDON LEGACY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed Development at: The Whitechapel Estate Site, bound by Turner Street to the west, Ashfield Street to the north, Cavell Street to the east and Varden Street to the south.

I give notice that Londonewcastle On behalf of Cross Property Investment SARL and Cross Property Investment West SARL is applying to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for:

Demolition of all existing buildings and redevelopment to provide 12 buildings ranging from ground plus 2 – 23 storeys, comprising 470 residential dwellings (Class C3), specialist accommodation, office floorspace (Class B1), flexible office and non-residential institution floorspace (Class B1/D1), retail floorspace (Class A1-A3), car parking, cycle parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 14 days from the publication date of this notice.Local Planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted:

London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Planning & Building Control Development Renewal, Mulberry Place
5 Clove Crescent
London E14 1BY

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"*tenant***" means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.

Signatory:

DP9 Ltd on behalf of Londonewcastle On behalf of Cross Property Investment SARL and Cross Property Investment West SARL

Date:

20th October 2015

Statement of owners' rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.

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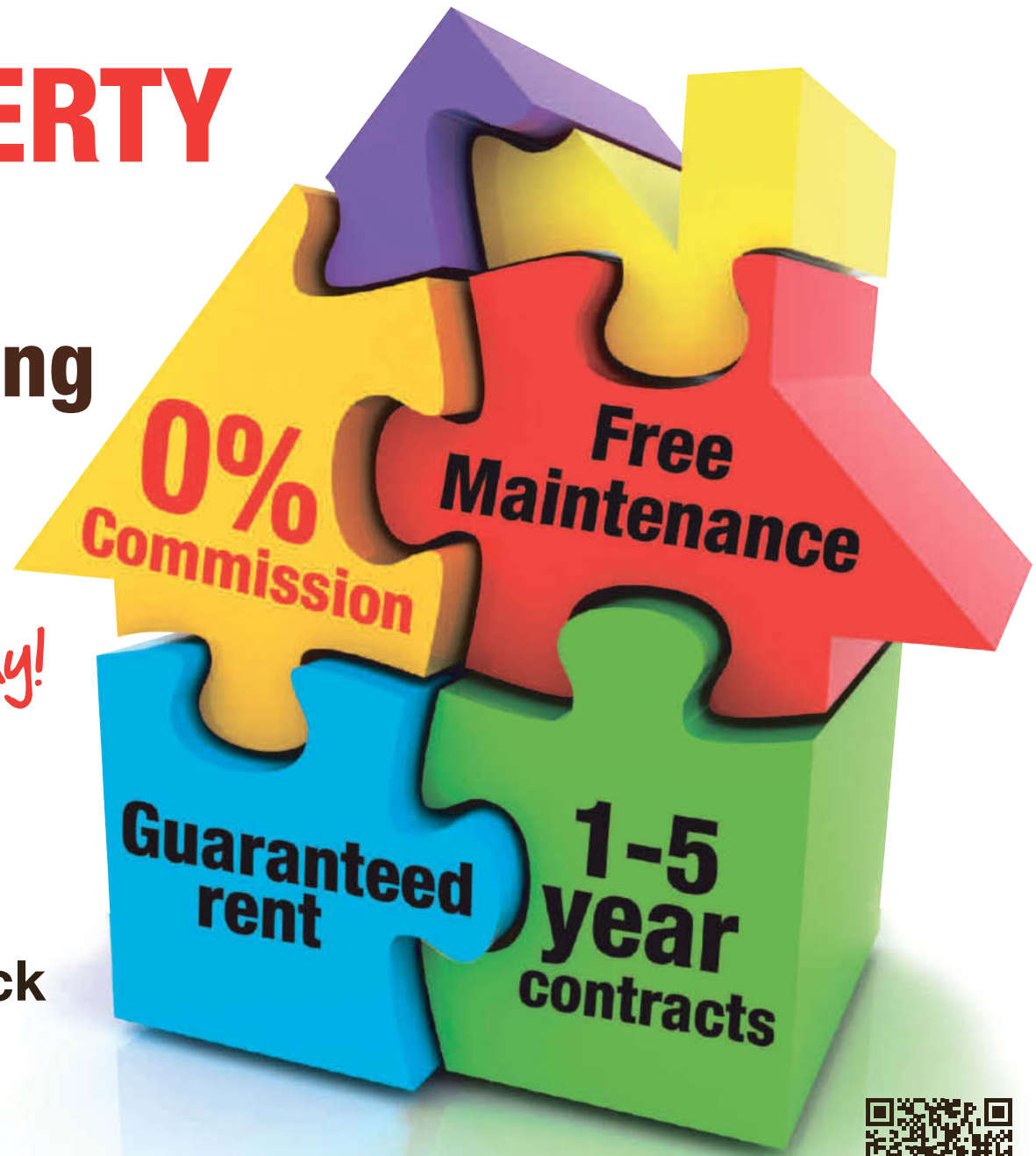

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"These kids have already proved just what talent they have by winning national titles. This is the biggest test any of them have faced and they will be up against the best youngsters in Europe."

REPTON SPOKESMAN KELVIN WING

Repton face big tests in the US and Russia

BY PETER FAULKNER

REPTON Boxing Club's rising stars will take on the superpowers of the East and the West with trips to America and Russia.

A team of ten will be boxing in Florida in one of the most prestigious events on the American amateur calendar.

And, at the same time, four of their youngsters will be in Anapa, Russia, hoping to set a club record in the European Schoolboy Championships.

The trip to Orlando from October 27-30 is a first for the club and has been paid for by Londoner Dave Moth, now a United States resident.

The team will be headed by trainers Gary McCarthy and Gary Cooke, with Lionel Omer as team manager and club official Kelvin Wing giving additional support.

They will be up against the tough Sharipov Academy, run by head coach Farkhad Sharipov, with funds raised going to two charities – the Police Athletic League and Kids Beating Cancer.

The team are: **Billy Beer, Joe Kelleher, Mike McCarthy, Chris Ali, Tim Abertile, Ryan Pickard (captain), Alex Campbell, Akim Melbum, Sonny Hunt and Miguel Lopez**.

The talented quartet bound for Russia are **Barney Docherty**, **Dennis McCann**, **George Mitchell** and **Jack Oliphant**.

They all became national schoolboy champions last season – and will represent England at this event, which runs from October 31 to November 9.

Last season, Johnny Johnston became the first Repton boxer ever to win a gold medal at European level. Club-mate Tommy Roberts won a bronze at the same event.

Now the latest squad are hoping they can get more than one gold medal to earn a place in Repton's history books.

Kelvin Wing said: "These kids have already proved just what talent they have by winning national schoolboy titles, so the future looks bright for them.

"We are confident they will do well, although this is the biggest test any of them have faced and they will be up against the best youngsters in Europe."

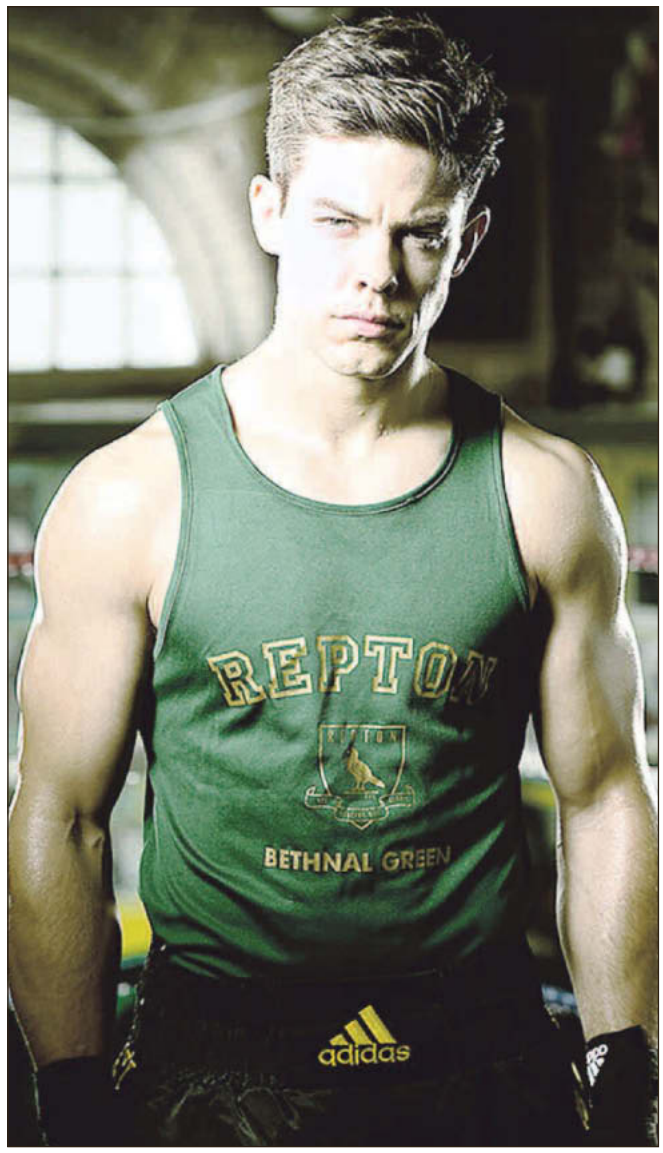
■ **Next week: full report on Repton's 7-7 draw with an Irish Select side.**

■ BOW'S **Marianne Marston** will be fighting Mexican Jessica Arreguin Munoz in a world bantamweight unification contest at York Hall, Bethnal Green, on Sunday, December 6.

■ THE on-off world middleweight title clash between champion **Andy Lee** of Bow and Newham's Billy Joe Saunders is now due to be held in Manchester on December 19.

■ **ELLIOTT Matthews**, of the Limehouse Elite Gym, will challenge Nick Blackwell for his British middleweight title in Bristol on November 14.

■ THE National Association of Boys' Clubs boxing championships begin at Harlow Dog Track on November 2-3, and **Repton** have ten youngsters scheduled to take part.



Ryan Pickard is travelling to Miami

The Veras Academy fighters with their trophies

Karate

No stopping Luca

LUCA Veras cannot break the habit of winning gold medals.

On October 11 the eight-year-old picked up his fourth successive martial arts title when Poplar's Veras Academy competed at Harlow in the British Institute Karate Organisation 2015 Open Championships.

He had previously won gold medals in two successive judo championships and this time he was back in karate mode for gold in the under-9s mixed individual kata and kumite.

He then joined Isaac Gibson, seven, and Jack Gentili, eight, for the boys team kumite 9 years and under where they took gold again.

Once more it was a magnificent performance by the 12-strong team who gained 14 medals – three gold, five silver and six bronze.

For more information go to **www.verasacademy.co.uk**.

KO blow for Greg

BETHNAL Green's king of Muay Thai, **Greg Wootton**, put his birthday celebrations on hold to take on Saenchai sor Kingstar at the Yokkao 14 event in Bolton on October 10. But his 24th birthday celebrations were wrecked by injury.

Wootton, one of the star pupils at Bill Judd's KO gym in Bethnal Green and current WMC MAD world champion, suffered a damaged rib in training and had to withdraw.

Mixed fortunes

WHAT a contrast in fortunes for the University of East London's basketball and rugby teams.

The rugby squad were well beaten 27-0 at home by Kent in their first British Universities and Colleges Sports league match.

The basketball team, unbeaten last season, look like the side to beat in the BUCS South Premier league after a resounding 104-66 win over Bath University at the SportsDock.

White knuckle ride

FOR those who like something extreme, Lee Valley White Water Centre is offering a thrill-a-minute experience on the Olympic course.

Boater X is an extreme race with multiple kayakers going head-to-head and knocking out the opposition to fight their way into the final.

The event takes place on October 31.

Tayla and Mercy add to medal collections

MERCY Brown and Tayla O'Brien are aiming for Olympic gold, but not at the same venue.

Nineteen-year-old Brown, from Bethnal Green, a sensation at the Commonwealth Games in 2014, has just won the European junior weightlifting title in Lithuania to confirm she is on course to earn a place at the Rio Olympics next year.

Brown won the women's over-75kg Euro crown in Lithuania. And she not only claimed the gold medal, but she also smashed the British senior record in the process.

Brown, who is studying for a sport and exercise science degree at the University of East London, lifted 227kg in the snatch and clean and jerk.

This victory highlighted her promise and makes Brown a potential podium threat at the Olympics.

She is the reigning British number one in her weight class and the top two from the Europeans qualify for Rio.

Tayla, 12, a member of Bethnal Green's uechi-rue karate club, is the new Central England Open karate champion, but her Olympic chance may come in Japan in 2020.

She won gold in the 12-13 years girls kata four tough rounds. She then competed in her kumite 12-13 years under 45 kg category and was ahead 3-1 with 15 seconds to go when she was kicked in the eye and the medics refused to let her to continue.

Tayla only recently earned her black belt and is the reigning English, British and British open champion.

Tayla O'Brien won again

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Goal rush as Wapping ladies hit their stride

BY PETER FAULKNER

IT was ladies day for Wapping Hockey Club on October 17 with the first team moving four points clear at the top of East Division 1 and the second and sixth teams hitting 23 goals between them.

The first team took on a youthful Old Loughtonians seconds and, despite demonstrating strength and speed in the midfield and on the forward lines, their intense work rate and consistent skills produced nothing by half-time.

Wapping remained patient and composed after the break and an excellent right slip ball from a short corner gave Kate Radford the opportunity to cleanly strike the opener.

Wapping went from strength to strength and Louise Song stepped up for the second goal, pouncing on a loose ball in the D and hammering home.

The table toppers finished off a classy home performance when Belinda Armstrong sealed a fifth successive win.

Top scorers were the ladies second team, who outfought, out-thought and outclassed Thurrock 1s to romp to a one-sided 12-0 victory.

The rout was led by Barbara Lo Giudice and Jordan Mulvaney with four goals each. Emily Ballinger, Alice Gage, Jade Edwards and player-of-the-match Kate Silbermann got the rest. The sixth team were determined to impress – and they did just that with 11 unanswered goals against Brentwood fifths.

There was no doubt about the star of the show – six-goal Heather Shakerchi.

While Wapping men's first team were losing 4-2 at home to Bedford, the twos were beating March Town 6-1 (Ed Fry, 2, Bull, Gallagher, Wright and Hyden), the fifth team beat Southend seconds 5-1 (Smeaton, 2, Perez, 2,and Charlesworth), the sevens hit five without reply against Upminster fours and there was a 6-0 win for the ninth team over Witham fives.

Wapping ladies first team are riding high at the top of the league PHOTO: Iain McAuslan

Soccer round-up

Double defeat is tough on Bengal

TWO home defeats in a week at Mile End Stadium have halted **Sporting Bengal's** charge up the Essex Senior League table.

In mid-week were beaten 2-1 by a Bowers & Pitsea goal four minutes from time, and 72 hours later they went down by the same margin to Barking... again conceding a late goal

Before they faced Bowers Sporting were unbeaten in four matches and looking capable of making a charge for the top six.

It looked as if that run would be extended with four minutes to play.

But Bowers kept pressing and, in the 86th minute, they snatched the winning goal.

Bowers had taken the lead when Luke Wilson headed in from a long throw.

It stayed that way until the 80th minute when Tunde Adewunmi levellled.

Manager Anwar Uddin had hoped his side would put this defeat behind them when they came up against Barking,who hadn't won in five matches.

Adewunmi opened the scoring after 42 minutes.

But Barking, despite being reduced to ten men, pulled off a remarkable win.

First Joe Staunton, on the halfway line in the 70th minute, saw Lockyer off his line and fired a glorious shot over him.

Then Wale Ododoyin stole the points two minutes from time.

King Cole is double trouble

AFTER suffering a midweek 2-1 defeat to Sawbridgeworth at Mile End Stadium, **Tower Hamlets FC** steadied the ship against Burnham Ramblers.

It looked like being the same old story against Burnham when they went behind to an Aaron Phillips goal.

But, thanks to Nassar Belo's second half equaliser, they got a share of the spoils.

Hamlets recover to get a point

FC Hamlets 2
Great Baddow 2

AFTER a disappointing start to the season, **Hamlets FC** faced league leaders Great Baddow.

The visitors took the lead on the 11th minute when their captain buried the rebound after Pyne saved with his leg.

Eight minutes later Baddow made it 2-0 from a free-kick.

After chances at both ends, a great ball from George Oakley found Ashley King who headed in.

The equaliser soon followed. In the 36th minute, King latched on to another ball into the box and his shot was helped home by Jamie Lottrie.

East show benefit of experience

East London men 1st...3
Chelmsford 2nd...2

EAST London hosted a young and energetic Chelmsford side at Lee Valley. And experience won out as they registered their third win of the season in East Division 1.

After a slow start, East eased their way into the match and began to dominate and-Sam Boddington slotted home the opener.

After Adam Lord went close, East make it two when Lord reached the baseline and pulled the ball back for Adam Willoughby to knock in at the third attempt.

Chelmsford reduced the deficit just before half time after a defensive slip but East London started the second half positively.

After continuous pressure Henry Emery slid in to make it three with help from a defender's foot.

With East looking to see out the match, Matthew Kriek received a yellow card, and man-of-the-match Lord turned defender with some heroic short corner running. Chelmsford scored from a penalty corner on the final whistle.

Bromley & Beckenham 2nd...1
East London ladies 1st...0

EAST London ladies were ahead of Bromley and Beckenham on goal difference as they began this match. But with seven squad members out of action it was always going to be tough.

After a goalless first half, Bromley and Beckenham won several penalty corners for offences committed inside and outside the D, before putting one away to steal the points.

Other mens results: East London 2nd 5 (Wilson, 2, Paul, Burder, Tyrrell), Phoenix 1st 2; East London 3rd 2 (Channing and Knight), Saffron Walden 2nd 5; East London 4th 3 (Allgood, 2, and Williams), Old Southendian 2nd 2; East London 5th 2 (Andreyev and Courtney), Redbridge & Ilford 2nd 0; East London 6th 3 (Fall 2, and Perrin), Crostyx 3rd 2; East London 7th 3, Upminster 5th 1; East London 8th 2, Thurrock 3rd 0.

Other ladies results: East London 2nd 2 (Vaughan 2), Old Loughtonians 4th 0; East London 3rd 5 (Patel, 4, and Graham), Maldon 2nd 1; East London 4th 3 (Le Mesurier 2, Isaccson), Old Southendian 2nd 0; East London 5th 6 (Sluis, 3, Priestly, Smith, and Costello), Waltham Forest 4th 0; East London 6th 5, Waltham Forest 5th 0; East London 7th 1, Chelmsford 6th 12.

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Hello mate... wanna climb a mountain?

"I happened to ask Will if he fancied going to Nepal to climb a mountain and he didn't hesitate. This is raising money to pay for youngsters to enjoy a similar experience."

MIKE WARDLE, DIRECTOR SHADWELL BASIN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE

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A Himalayan adventure

BY PETER FAULKNER

THREE intrepid regulars from Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre are pushing themselves to the limit on a fundraising climb in the Himalayas.

The trio – director Mike Wardle, youth co-ordinator Will Tytler and his brother, Ian – have left east London to climb Lobuche in Nepal.

Between now and November 12 they hope to conquer the mountain's east peak and raise funds for another special climbing mission being staged to celebrate the centre's 40th anniversary next year.

And their trip is all about giving youngsters from the centre at Shadwell Pierhead the experience of a lifetime.

They want to raise enough money for a mountaineering expedition by 16- to 19-year-olds from the centre.

The plan is for the team to climb Kalapatar in the Everest Valley in October next year.

While they are there, the group will also be involved in a local community project.

Local magistrates, including those at Thames Court, took part in the Great River Race and have already promised £11,000 sponsorship for the mountain climbing project.

Mike, 49, is has climbed a few times in Nepal, where he and his wife, Rene, have made lots of friends.

But for Will, from Aldgate, this is his first time.

"I just happened to ask Will if he fancied going to Nepal to climb amountain and he didn't hesitate," said Mike.

"We have already been to Scotland to get in some practice.

"But this is all part of our 40th anniversary next year and raising money to pay for youngsters to enjoy a similar experience."

Next year's celebrations also include a big flotilla and music concert on July 16 and a mountain climb for 9- to 13-year-olds in the Cairngorms.

If you wish to donate so youngsters can enjoy this dream trip go to **Virginmoneygiving.com/team/Lobuche-East-Challenge**

Mike Wardle, Ian Tytler and Will Tytler on more familiar territory at the outdoor activity centre

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